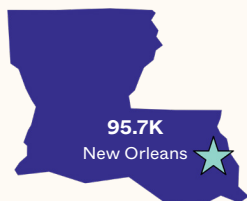


Immigrant population

Immigrants make up an important part of local communities in New Orleans metro area and Louisiana. Nonetheless, no noncitizen is exempt from the risk of deportation, which threatens the stability and family unity of immigrants and U.S.-born people alike.

New Orleans metro area



95,700 immigrants reside in **New Orleans**, or **10 percent** of New Orleans's population.

Louisiana



222,000 immigrants reside in **Louisiana**, or **5 percent** of the total population.

Noncitizen population

53.2K

53,200 noncitizens are living in **New Orleans**.

129.2K

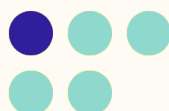
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Children and families

New Orleans metro area

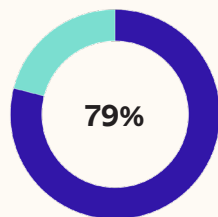
39K
children

There are **39,000** children in New Orleans with at least one **immigrant parent**.



1 in 5

One in five children in New Orleans has at least one **immigrant parent**.



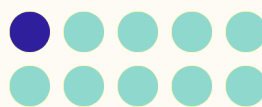
79%

The **vast majority of children** in New Orleans with at least one immigrant parent (**79 percent**) were born in the United States.

Louisiana

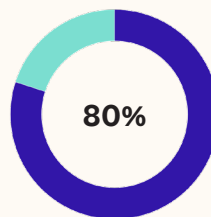
93.3K
children

There are **93,300** children in Louisiana with at least one **immigrant parent**.



1 in 10

One in ten children in Louisiana has at least one **immigrant parent**.



80%

The **vast majority of children** in Louisiana with at least one immigrant parent (**80 percent**) were born in the United States.

Local community ties



71,900 immigrants residing in New Orleans metro area have lived in the United States for **10 years or more**.



At least **26,600** homes in New Orleans metro area are **owned by immigrants**.



8,200 immigrants in New Orleans metro area are **entrepreneurs**.



12,900 immigrants in New Orleans metro area are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

Immigrants in the economy

Immigrants in New Orleans metro area, Louisiana, and the United States are indispensable members of the workforce and contribute to the economy by paying federal, state, and local taxes.

Tax contributions*

Louisiana

\$8B Immigrant-led households **earned \$8 billion.**

\$827.6M Immigrants contributed **\$827.6 million** in combined **state and local taxes.**

\$1.3B Immigrants contributed **\$1.3 billion** in **federal taxes.**

\$5.9B This means that immigrant-led households have an estimated **\$5.9 billion** in **spending power.**

United States

\$2.35T Immigrant-led households **earned \$2.35 trillion.**

\$232.1B Immigrants contributed **\$232.1 billion** in combined **state and local taxes.**

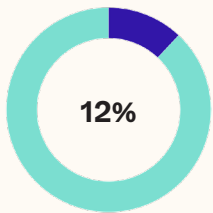
\$419.8B Immigrants contributed **\$419.8 billion** in **federal taxes.**

\$1.7T This means that immigrant-led households have an estimated **\$1.7 trillion** in **spending power.**

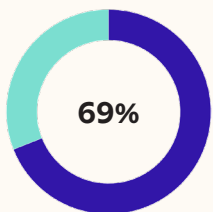
*Earnings, tax contribution, and spending power data reflect annual figures for 2023.

Employment and labor force participation

New Orleans metro area

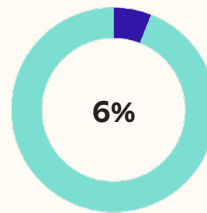


60,500 immigrant workers make up **12 percent** of the metro area's labor force.

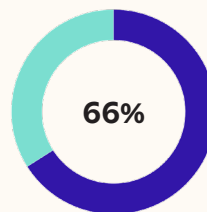


69 percent of the metro area's immigrants **participate in the labor force**, greater than the share among the metro area's U.S.-born population (61 percent).

Louisiana



134,800 immigrant workers make up **6 percent** of the state's labor force.



66 percent of immigrants **participate in the state's labor force**, greater than the share among the U.S.-born population (59 percent).

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Note: This analysis uses 2024 ACS 5-year PUMS data.

Note: The Louisiana metro area includes parts of Mississippi. Immigrants in the metro area who reside in this additional state are thus counted in the population for the metro area, but are excluded from the population of Mississippi. For this reason, metro area figures may appear larger than the corresponding state figures.