

Immigrant population

Immigrants make up an important part of local communities in the New York metro area and New York State. 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 York metro area



4 million immigrants reside in **New York**, or **31 percent** of New York's population.

New York State



4.5 million immigrants reside in **New York State**, or **23 percent** of the total population.

Noncitizen population

1.6M

1.6 million noncitizens are living in **New York**.

1.8M

1.8 million noncitizens are living in **New York State**.

Children and families

New York metro area

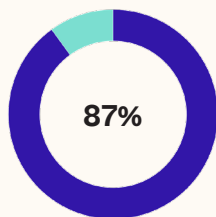
1.3M
children

There are **1.3 million** children in New York with at least one **immigrant parent**.



1 in 2

One in two children in New York has at least one **immigrant parent**.

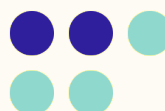


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New York State

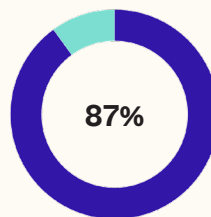
1.5M
children

There are **1.5 million** children in New York State with at least one **immigrant parent**.



2 in 5

Two in five children in New York State have at least one **immigrant parent**.



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Local community ties



3.5 million immigrants residing in the New York metro area have lived in the United States **for 10 years or more**.



At least **895,600** homes in the New York metro area are **owned by immigrants**.



175,900 immigrants in the New York metro area are **entrepreneurs**.



401,800 immigrants in the New York metro area are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

Immigrants in the economy

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

Tax contributions*

New York State

\$235.3B Immigrant-led households **earned \$235.3 billion**.

\$31.3B Immigrants contributed **\$31.3 billion** in combined **state and local taxes**.

\$43.5B Immigrants contributed **\$43.5 billion** in **federal taxes**.

\$160.5B This means that immigrant-led households have an estimated **\$160.5 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**.

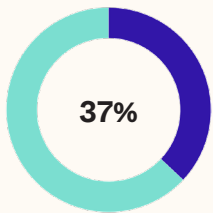
\$419.8B Immigrants contributed **\$419.8 billion** in **federal taxes**.

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

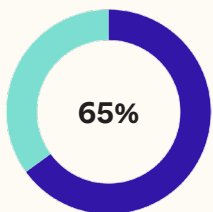
*Earnings, tax contribution, and spending power data reflect annual figures for 2023.

Employment and labor force participation

New York metro area

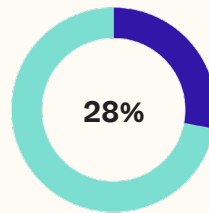


2.5 million immigrant workers make up **37 percent** of the metro area's labor force.

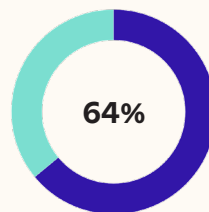


65 percent of the metro area's immigrants **participate in the labor force**, comparable to the share among the metro area's U.S.-born population (63 percent).

New York State



2.8 million immigrant workers make up **28 percent** of the state's labor force.



64 percent of immigrants **participate in the state's labor force**, comparable to the share among the U.S.-born population (62 percent).

Sources

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

Tax contributions data from:

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