

Immigrant population

Black immigrants make up an important part of local communities in the United States. 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.



4 million Black immigrants reside in **the United States**, or **13 percent** of the United States’s Black population.

Noncitizen population

1.5M

1.5 million Black noncitizens are living in **the United States**.

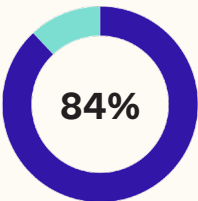
Children and families

1.5M
children

There are **1.5 million** children in the United States with at least one **Black immigrant parent**.



1.8 million Black immigrants have **children in the United States**.



The **vast majority of children** in the United States with at least one Black immigrant parent (**84 percent**) were born in the country.

Immigrants in the economy



- Black immigrants make up **17 percent** of the country’s Black labor force.
- **74 percent** of the country’s Black immigrants **participate in the labor force**, greater than the share among the country’s total U.S.-born population (63 percent) and Black U.S.-born population (65 percent).

Local community ties



2.9 million Black immigrants residing in the United States have lived in the country **for 10 years or more.**



At least **1.1 million** homes in the United States are **owned by Black immigrants.**



126,800 Black immigrants in the United States are **entrepreneurs.**



745,700 Black immigrants in the United States are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

Service in the armed forces

27.7K Black immigrants currently serve in the United States armed forces, comprising **12 percent of the military.**

28.3K service members live in a household with family members **who are Black immigrants.**

110.4K Black immigrants are veterans of the United States armed forces, comprising **5 percent of the country's veteran population.**

171K veterans live in a household with family members **who are Black immigrants.**

Sources

The Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS-USA):

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Note: This analysis uses 2024 ACS 1-year PUMS data and 2021–2025 1-year CPS data.