Rhode Island

Immigrant population

Immigrants make up an important part of local communities in Rhode Island and 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.

Rhode Island

160,000 immigrants reside in Rhode Island, or 15 percent of Rhode Island's population.

United States



47.8 million immigrants reside in United States, or 14 percent of the total population.

Noncitizen population

73K

73,000 noncitizens are living in Rhode Island.

22.9M

22.9 million noncitizens are living in United States.

Children and families

Rhode Island

58.4K children

1 in 3

89%

There are 58.400 children in Rhode Island with at least one immigrant parent.

One in three children in Rhode Island has at least one immigrant

parent.

The vast majority of children in Rhode Island with at least one immigrant parent (89 percent) were born in the United States.

United States

17.9M children There are 17.9 million children in United States with at least one immigrant parent.



1 in 4

One in four children in United States has at least one immigrant parent.



The vast majority of children in United States with at least one immigrant parent (86 percent) were born in the United States.

Local community ties



103,600 immigrants residing in Rhode Island have lived in the United States since 2009 or earlier.



8,000 immigrants in Rhode Island are entrepreneurs.



At least 37,700 homes in Rhode Island are owned by immigrants.



23,400 immigrants in Rhode Island are students enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

Immigrants in the economy

Immigrants in Rhode Island and the United States are indispensable members of the workforce and contribute to the economy by paying federal, state, and local taxes.

Tax contributions*

Rhode Island

\$6.8B Immigrant-led households earned \$6.8 billion.

\$666.4M Immigrants contributed \$666.4 million in combined state and local taxes.

\$1.1B Immigrants contributed \$1.1 billion in federal taxes.

This means immigrant-led households have an estimated \$5 billion in spending power.

United States

\$2.4T Immigrant-led households earned \$2.4 trillion.

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

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

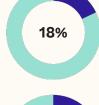
\$1.7T This means immigrant-led households have an estimated \$1.7 trillion in spending power.

Employment and labor force participation

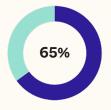
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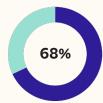
99,000 immigrant workers make up **17 percent** of the state's labor force.



30.7 million immigrant workers make up **18 percent** of the country's labor force.



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



68 percent of immigrants **participate in the country's labor force**, greater than the share among the U.S.-born population (63 percent).

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