

San Diego County, California

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Immigrant population

Immigrants make up an important part of local communities in San Diego County and California. 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.

San Diego County



748,400 immigrants reside in **San Diego County**, or **23 percent** of San Diego County's population.

California



10.6 million immigrants reside in **California**, or **27 percent** of the total population.

Noncitizen population

305.2K

305,200 noncitizens are living in **San Diego County**.

4.8M

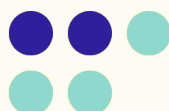
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Children and families

San Diego County

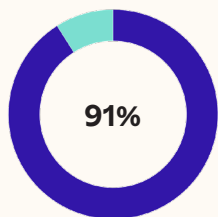
277K
children

There are **277,000** children in San Diego County with at least one **immigrant parent**.



2 in 5

Two in five children in San Diego County have at least one **immigrant parent**.



The **vast majority of children** in San Diego County with at least one immigrant parent (**91 percent**) were born in the United States.

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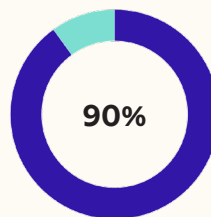
3.9M
children

There are **3.9 million** children in California with at least one **immigrant parent**.



1 in 2

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



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Local community ties



667,300 immigrants residing in San Diego County have lived in the United States **for 10 years or more**.



At least **219,600** homes in San Diego County are **owned by immigrants**.



38,300 immigrants in San Diego County are **entrepreneurs**.



77,300 immigrants in San Diego County are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

Immigrants in the economy

Immigrants in San Diego County, California, and the United States are indispensable members of the workforce and contribute to the economy by paying federal, state, and local taxes.

Tax contributions*

California

\$572.5B Immigrant-led households **earned \$572.5 billion**.

\$61.8B Immigrants contributed **\$61.8 billion** in combined **state and local taxes**.

\$106.3B Immigrants contributed **\$106.3 billion** in **federal taxes**.

\$404.4B This means that immigrant-led households have an estimated **\$404.4 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**.

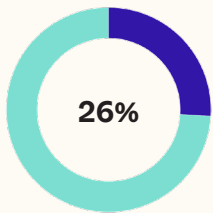
\$419.8B Immigrants contributed **\$419.8 billion** in **federal taxes**.

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

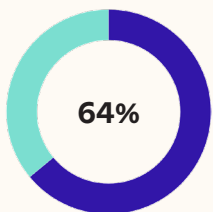
*Earnings, tax contribution, and spending power data reflect annual figures for 2023.

Employment and labor force participation

San Diego County

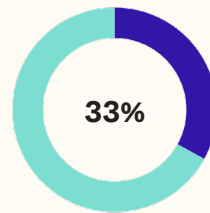


467,500 immigrant workers make up **26 percent** of the county's labor force.

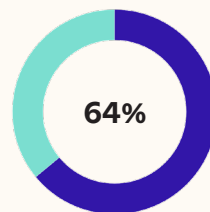


64 percent of the county's immigrants **participate in the labor force**, comparable to the share among the county's U.S.-born population (67 percent).

California



6.6 million immigrant workers make up **33 percent** of the state's labor force.



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Sources

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

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