

# San Francisco, California

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## Immigrant population

Immigrants make up an important part of local communities in San Francisco metro area 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 Francisco metro area



**1.5 million immigrants** reside in **San Francisco**, or **32 percent** of San Francisco's population.

### California



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

## Noncitizen population

**629K**

**629,000 noncitizens** are living in **San Francisco**.

**4.8M**

**4.8 million noncitizens** are living in **California**.

## Children and families

### San Francisco metro area

**463.8K**  
**children**

There are **463,800** children in San Francisco with at least one **immigrant parent**.

### California

**3.9M**  
**children**

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



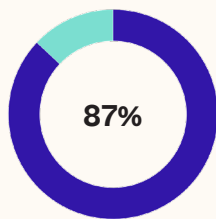
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**One in two children** in San Francisco has at least one **immigrant parent**.

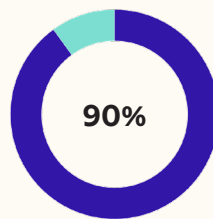


1 in 2

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



The **vast majority of children** in San Francisco with at least one immigrant parent (**87 percent**) were born in the United States.



The **vast majority of children** in California with at least one immigrant parent (**90 percent**) were born in the United States.

## Local community ties



**1.3 million** immigrants residing in San Francisco metro area have lived in the United States **for 10 years or more**.



At least **426,900** homes in San Francisco metro area are **owned by immigrants**.



**67,400** immigrants in San Francisco metro area are **entrepreneurs**.



**142,200** immigrants in San Francisco metro area are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

# Immigrants in the economy

Immigrants in San Francisco metro area, 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**.

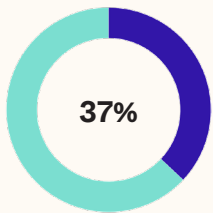
**\$419.8B** Immigrants contributed **\$419.8 billion** in **federal taxes**.

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

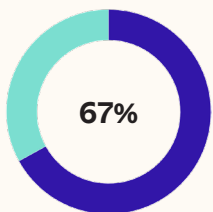
\*Earnings, tax contribution, and spending power data reflect annual figures for 2023.

## Employment and labor force participation

### San Francisco metro area

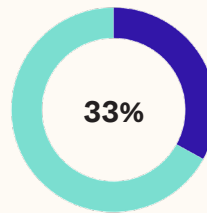


**958,500** immigrant workers make up **37 percent** of the metro area's labor force.

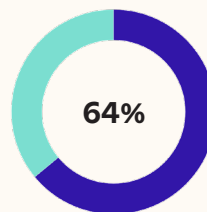


**67 percent** of the metro area's immigrants **participate in the labor force**, comparable to the share among the metro area's U.S.-born population (66 percent).

### California



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



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

## Sources

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

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