

Immigrant population

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



833,300 immigrants reside in **San Jose**, or **41 percent** of San Jose's population.

California



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

Noncitizen population

408.5K

408,500 noncitizens are living in **San Jose**.

4.8M

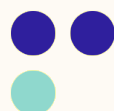
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Children and families

San Jose metro area

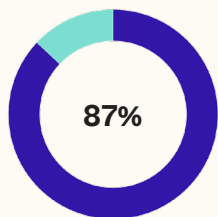
273.8K
children

There are **273,800** children in San Jose with at least one **immigrant parent**.



2 in 3

Two in three children in San Jose have at least one **immigrant parent**.



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

California

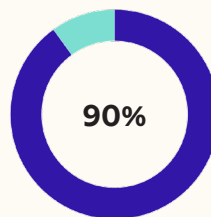
3.9M
children

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**.



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

Local community ties



693,700 immigrants residing in San Jose metro area have lived in the United States for **10 years or more**.



At least **222,300** homes in San Jose metro area are **owned by immigrants**.



27,200 immigrants in San Jose metro area are **entrepreneurs**.



84,700 immigrants in San Jose metro area are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

Immigrants in the economy

Immigrants in San Jose 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**.

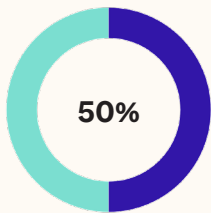
\$419.8B Immigrants contributed **\$419.8 billion** in **federal taxes**.

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

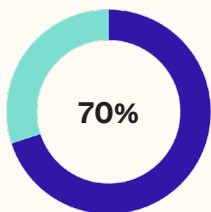
*Earnings, tax contribution, and spending power data reflect annual figures for 2023.

Employment and labor force participation

San Jose metro area

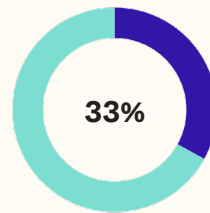


560,000 immigrant workers make up **50 percent** of the metro area's labor force.

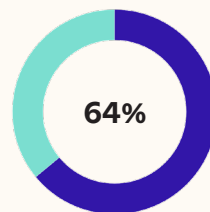


70 percent of the metro area's immigrants **participate in the labor force**, greater than the share among the metro area's U.S.-born population (64 percent).

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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