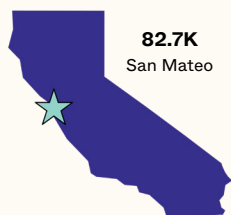


Immigrant population

Immigrants make up an important part of local communities in San Mateo 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 Mateo



82,700 immigrants reside in **San Mateo**, or **35 percent** of San Mateo's population.

California



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

Noncitizen population

39.2K

39,200 noncitizens are living in **San Mateo**.

4.8M

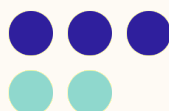
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Children and families

San Mateo

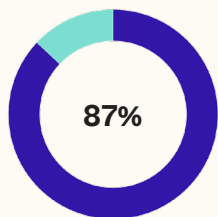
27.5K
children

There are **27,500** children in San Mateo with at least one **immigrant parent**.



3 in 5

Three in five children in San Mateo have at least one **immigrant parent**.



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

California

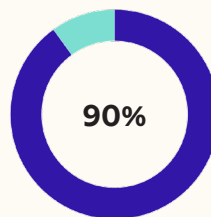
3.9M
children

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



68,200 immigrants residing in San Mateo have lived in the United States **for 10 years or more**.



At least **23,800** homes in San Mateo are **owned by immigrants**.



4,100 immigrants in San Mateo are **entrepreneurs**.



8,300 immigrants in San Mateo are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

Immigrants in the economy

Immigrants in San Mateo, 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**.

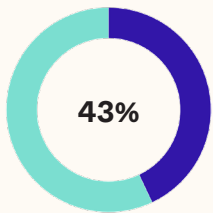
\$419.8B Immigrants contributed **\$419.8 billion** in **federal taxes**.

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

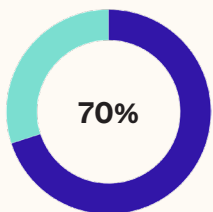
*Earnings, tax contribution, and spending power data reflect annual figures for 2023.

Employment and labor force participation

San Mateo

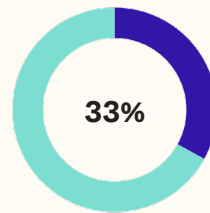


55,400 immigrant workers make up **43 percent** of the city's labor force.

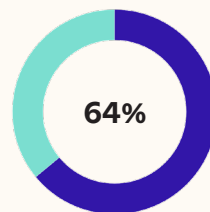


70 percent of the city's immigrants **participate in the labor force**, greater than the share among the city's U.S.-born population (64 percent).

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).

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