

Santa Ana, California

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Immigrant population

Immigrants make up an important part of local communities in Santa Ana 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.

Santa Ana



127,800 immigrants reside in **Santa Ana**, or **42 percent** of Santa Ana's population.

California



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

Noncitizen population

72.2K

72,200 noncitizens are living in **Santa Ana**.

4.8M

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

Children and families

Santa Ana

45.5K
children

There are **45,500** children in Santa Ana with at least one **immigrant parent**.

California

3.9M
children

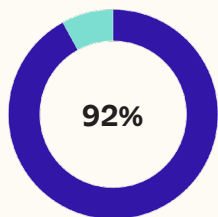
There are **3.9 million** children in California with at least one **immigrant parent**.



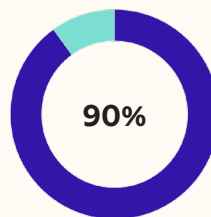
Seven in ten children in Santa Ana have at least one **immigrant parent**.



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



The **vast majority of children** in Santa Ana with at least one immigrant parent (**92 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



119,100 immigrants residing in Santa Ana have lived in the United States **for 10 years or more**.



At least **24,400** homes in Santa Ana are **owned by immigrants**.



6,500 immigrants in Santa Ana are **entrepreneurs**.



9,200 immigrants in Santa Ana are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

Immigrants in the economy

Immigrants in Santa Ana, 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**.

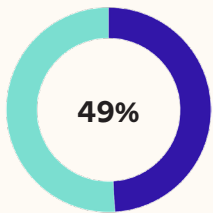
\$419.8B Immigrants contributed **\$419.8 billion** in **federal taxes**.

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

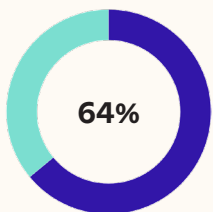
*Earnings, tax contribution, and spending power data reflect annual figures for 2023.

Employment and labor force participation

Santa Ana

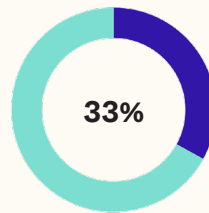


80,000 immigrant workers make up **49 percent** of the city's labor force.

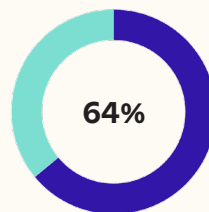


64 percent of the city's immigrants **participate in the labor force**, comparable to the share among the city's U.S.-born population (68 percent).

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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