

Immigrant population

Immigrants make up an important part of local communities in Somerville and Massachusetts. 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.

Somerville



41,900 immigrants reside in **Somerville**, or **32 percent** of Somerville's population.

Massachusetts



1.3 million immigrants reside in **Massachusetts**, or **18 percent** of the total population.

Noncitizen population

25.3K

25,300 noncitizens are living in **Somerville**.

587K

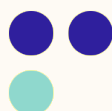
587,000 noncitizens are living in **Massachusetts**.

Children and families

Somerville

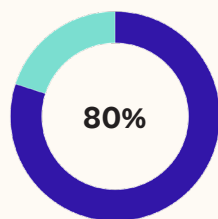
11.8K
children

There are **11,800** children in Somerville with at least one **immigrant parent**.



2 in 3

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

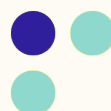


The **vast majority of children** in Somerville with at least one immigrant parent (**80 percent**) were born in the United States.

Massachusetts

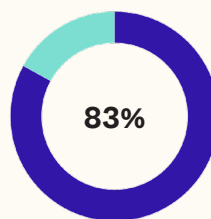
441.5K
children

There are **441,500** children in Massachusetts with at least one **immigrant parent**.



1 in 3

One in three children in Massachusetts has at least one **immigrant parent**.



The **vast majority of children** in Massachusetts with at least one immigrant parent (**83 percent**) were born in the United States.

Local community ties



31,600 immigrants residing in Somerville have lived in the United States **for 10 years or more**.



At least **8,000** homes in Somerville are **owned by immigrants**.



2,600 immigrants in Somerville are **entrepreneurs**.



5,700 immigrants in Somerville are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

Immigrants in the economy

Immigrants in Somerville, Massachusetts, and the United States are indispensable members of the workforce and contribute to the economy by paying federal, state, and local taxes.

Tax contributions*

Massachusetts

\$72.2B Immigrant-led households **earned \$72.2 billion**.

\$6.6B Immigrants contributed **\$6.6 billion** in combined **state and local taxes**.

\$13.8B Immigrants contributed **\$13.8 billion** in **federal taxes**.

\$51.8B This means that immigrant-led households have an estimated **\$51.8 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**.

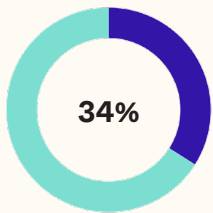
\$419.8B Immigrants contributed **\$419.8 billion** in **federal taxes**.

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

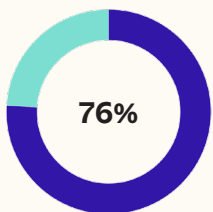
*Earnings, tax contribution, and spending power data reflect annual figures for 2023.

Employment and labor force participation

Somerville

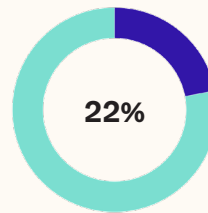


30,200 immigrant workers make up **34 percent** of the city's labor force.

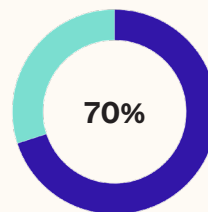


76 percent of the city's immigrants **participate in the labor force**, comparable to the share among the city's U.S.-born population (77 percent).

Massachusetts



847,100 immigrant workers make up **22 percent** of the state's labor force.



70 percent of immigrants **participate in the state's labor force**, greater than the share among the U.S.-born population (66 percent).

Sources

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

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