

Profile of the foreign-born population in Sacramento, California

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Immigrant population

The foreign-born population in Sacramento and California represent an important and diverse share of their local communities, many of whom live in mixed-status families.

Sacramento Metro Area



444K
Sacramento

443,500 immigrants reside in Sacramento, or 19 percent of the total population.

California



10.5M
California

10.5 million immigrants reside in California, or 26 percent of the total population.

Population at risk of deportation

185K 185,400 non-citizens residing in Sacramento are potentially at risk of deportation.

4.9M 4.9 million non-citizens residing in California are potentially at risk of deportation.

Children and families

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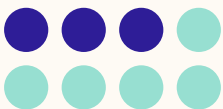
193K
children

There are 193,300 children in Sacramento with at least one immigrant parent.

California

3.8M
children

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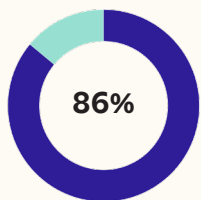
3 in 8

Three in eight children in Sacramento have at least one immigrant parent.



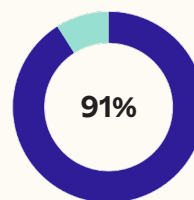
4 in 9

Four in nine children in California have at least one immigrant parent.



86%

The vast majority of children with at least one immigrant parent in Sacramento are U.S. citizens. 86 percent were born in the United States.



91%

The vast majority of children with at least one immigrant parent in California are U.S. citizens. 91 percent were born in the United States.

Local community ties



342,700 immigrants have lived in the Sacramento metro area since 2009 or earlier.



At least 99,500 homes in the Sacramento metro area are owned by immigrants.



30,600 immigrants in the Sacramento metro area are entrepreneurs.



63,100 immigrants in the Sacramento metro area are students enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

Economic and labor force contributions

Immigrants in Sacramento and California contribute critical tax dollars to the local economy and are indispensable members of the workforce.

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\$16.5B Immigrant-led households **earned \$16.5 billion.**

\$1.5B Immigrants contributed **\$1.5 billion** in combined **state and local taxes.**

\$3B Immigrants contributed **\$3 billion** in **federal taxes.**

\$11.9B This means immigrant-led households have an estimated **\$11.9 billion** in **spending power.**

California

\$448.4B Immigrant-led households **earned \$448.4 billion.**

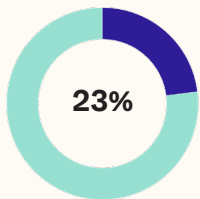
\$42.6B Immigrants contributed **\$42.6 billion** in combined **state and local taxes.**

\$81.7B Immigrants contributed **\$81.7 billion** in **federal taxes.**

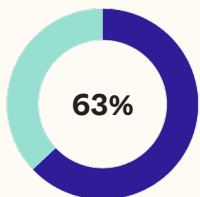
\$324.1B This means immigrant-led households have an estimated **\$324.1 billion** in **spending power.**

Labor force participation

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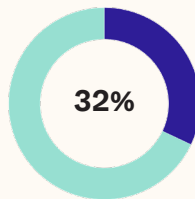


266,000 immigrant workers comprise **23 percent** of the labor force.

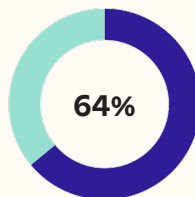


63 percent of immigrants **participate in the labor force**, comparable to the share among the native-born population (62 percent).

California



6.5 million immigrant workers comprise **32 percent** of the state's labor force.



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