Profile of the foreign-born population in

Austin, Texas

Immigrant population

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

### Austin Metro Area

- **296,000 immigrants** reside in **Austin**, or **14 percent** of the total population.

### Texas

- **4.7 million immigrants** reside in **Texas**, or **17 percent** of the total population.

Population at risk of deportation

- **175,400 non-citizens** residing in **Austin** are potentially at risk of deportation.

- **3 million non-citizens** residing in **Texas** are potentially at risk of deportation.

Children and families

**Austin Metro Area**

- **145,000 children** in **Austin** with at least one immigrant parent.

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

- The vast majority of children with at least one immigrant parent in **Austin** are **U.S. citizens**.

**Texas**

- **2.4 million children** in **Texas** with at least one immigrant parent.

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

- The vast majority of children with at least one immigrant parent in **Texas** are **U.S. citizens**.

Local community ties

**Austin Metro Area**

- **139,500 immigrants** in **Austin** have lived in the United States for **more than 15 years**.

- **20,700 immigrants** in **Austin** are **entrepreneurs**.

**Texas**

- **55,900 immigrants** in **Austin** are **homeowners**.

- **44,100 immigrants** in **Austin** are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.
Economic and labor force contributions

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

**Austin Metro Area**

- **$8.1B** immigrant-led households *earned* $8.1 billion.
- **$557M** immigrants contributed $557 million in combined *state and local taxes*.
- **$1.5B** immigrants contributed $1.5 billion in *federal taxes*.

This means immigrant-led households have an estimated **$15.7B** dollar in *spending power*.

**Texas**

- **$133.3B** immigrant-led households *earned* $133.3 billion.
- **$9.6B** immigrants contributed $9.6 billion in combined *state and local taxes*.
- **$22.5B** immigrants contributed $22.5 billion in *federal taxes*.

This means immigrant-led households have an estimated **$101.2B** dollar in *spending power*.

**Labor force participation**

**Austin Metro Area**

- **192,500** immigrant workers comprise 18 percent of the city’s labor force, or one in seven.

72 percent of the city’s immigrants participate in the labor force, comparable to the share among the city’s native-born population (71 percent).

**Texas**

- **2.9 million** immigrant workers comprise 22 percent of the state’s labor force, or one in five.

67 percent of the state’s immigrants participate in the labor force, greater than the share among the state’s native-born population (64 percent).

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