Profile of the foreign-born population in Chicago, Illinois

Immigrant population

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

### Chicago Metro Area

1.7 million immigrants reside in Chicago, or 18 percent of the total population.

### Illinois

1.8 million immigrants reside in Illinois, or 14 percent of the total population.

Population at risk of deportation

829K 828,800 non-citizens residing in Chicago are potentially at risk of deportation.

900K 899,900 non-citizens residing in Illinois are potentially at risk of deportation.

Children and families

#### Chicago Metro Area

- 697K children
- There are 696,500 children in Chicago with at least one immigrant parent.
- One in three children in Chicago has at least one immigrant parent.
- 91% The vast majority of children with at least one immigrant parent in Chicago are U.S. citizens.

#### Illinois

- 742K children
- There are 741,600 children in Illinois with at least one immigrant parent.
- One in four children in Illinois has at least one immigrant parent.
- 91% The vast majority of children with at least one immigrant parent in Illinois are U.S. citizens.

Local community ties

- 1 million immigrants in Chicago have lived in the United States for more than 15 years.
- 427,600 immigrants in Chicago are homeowners.
- 110,000 immigrants in Chicago are entrepreneurs.
- 183,300 immigrants in Chicago are students enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.
Economic and labor force contributions

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

### Chicago Metro Area

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This means immigrant-led households have an estimated $37.7 billion in spending power.

### Labor force participation

#### Chicago Metro Area

- **1 million** immigrant workers comprise 22 percent of the city’s labor force, or **one in five**.
- **68 percent** of the city’s immigrants participate in the labor force, comparable to the share among the city’s native-born population (67 percent).

#### Illinois

- **1.1 million** immigrant workers comprise 18 percent of the state’s labor force, or **one in six**.
- **68 percent** of the state’s immigrants participate in the labor force, greater than the share among the state’s native-born population (65 percent).

### Sources

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