Profile of the foreign-born population in
Columbus, Ohio

Immigrant population

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

**Columbus Metro Area**

- **156,800 immigrants** reside in Columbus, or 10 percent of the total population.

**Ohio**

- **513,600 immigrants** reside in Ohio, or 15 percent of the total population.

Population at risk of deportation

- **81K** 80,700 non-citizens residing in Columbus are potentially at risk of deportation.
- **243K** 243,300 non-citizens residing in Ohio are potentially at risk of deportation.

Children and families

**Columbus Metro Area**

- **73K children**
- There are **72,500 children** in Columbus with at least one immigrant parent.
- One in six children in Columbus has at least one immigrant parent.
- The vast majority of children with at least one immigrant parent in Columbus are U.S. citizens.

**Ohio**

- **199K children**
- There are **199,000 children** in Ohio with at least one immigrant parent.
- Nearly one in 10 children in Ohio has at least one immigrant parent.
- The vast majority of children with at least one immigrant parent in Ohio are U.S. citizens.

Local community ties

- **52,900 immigrants** in Columbus have lived in the United States for more than 15 years.
- **26,100 immigrants** in Columbus are homeowners.
- **9,100 immigrants** in Columbus are entrepreneurs.
- **31,400 immigrants** in Columbus are students enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.
Economic and labor force contributions

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Columbus Metro Area</th>
<th>Ohio</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>$4.3B</td>
<td>$16.1B</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>immigrant-led households earned $4.3 billion.</td>
<td>immigrant-led households earned $16.1 billion.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$383M</td>
<td>$1.4B</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>immigrants contributed $383 million in combined state and local taxes.</td>
<td>immigrants contributed $1.4 billion in combined state and local taxes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$794M</td>
<td>$3B</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>immigrants contributed $794 million in federal taxes.</td>
<td>immigrants contributed $3 billion in federal taxes.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

This means immigrant-led households have an estimated $3.2 billion in spending power.

This means immigrant-led households have an estimated $11.7 billion in spending power.

Labor force participation

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Columbus Metro Area</th>
<th>Ohio</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>92,300</td>
<td>285,600</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>immigrant workers participate in the city’s labor force.</td>
<td>immigrant workers participate in the state’s labor force.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

70 percent of the city’s immigrants participate in the labor force, greater than the share among the city’s native-born population (68 percent).

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

Sources

U.S. Census Bureau:


New American Economy (NAE):