Profile of the foreign-born population in Madison, Wisconsin

Immigrant population

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

**Madison Metro Area**

- 45,000 immigrants reside in Madison, or 7 percent of the total population.
- One in nine children in Madison has at least one immigrant parent.
- One in six children in Madison has at least one immigrant parent.
- The vast majority of children with at least one immigrant parent in Madison are U.S. citizens.

**Wisconsin**

- 277,200 immigrants reside in Wisconsin, or 5 percent of the total population.
- There are 139,800 children in Wisconsin with at least one immigrant parent.
- One in nine children in Wisconsin has at least one immigrant parent.
- The vast majority of children with at least one immigrant parent in Wisconsin are U.S. citizens.

Population at risk of deportation

- 28K non-citizens residing in Madison are potentially at risk of deportation.
- 155K non-citizens residing in Wisconsin are potentially at risk of deportation.

Children and families

**Madison Metro Area**

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Local community ties

**Madison**

- 34,600 immigrants in Madison have lived in the United States for more than 15 years.
- 2,000 immigrants in Madison are entrepreneurs.

**Wisconsin**

- 7,300 immigrants in Madison are homeowners.
- 12,100 immigrants in Madison are students enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.
Economic and labor force contributions

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

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