Profile of the foreign-born population in Los Angeles, California

Immigrant population

The foreign-born population in the Los Angeles-Long Beach Metro Area and California represent an important and diverse share of their local communities, many of whom live in mixed-status families.

Los Angeles Metro Area

- 4.4 million immigrants reside in the Los Angeles metro area, or 33 percent of the total population.
- 1.6M children
- Five in nine children in the Los Angeles metro area have at least one immigrant parent.
- The vast majority of children with at least one immigrant parent in the Los Angeles metro area are U.S. citizens. 92 percent were born in the United States.

California

- 10.5M California
- 10.5 million immigrants reside in California, or 27 percent of the total population.
- 4.1M children
- One in two children in California has at least one immigrant parent.
- 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.

Population at risk of deportation

- 2.2M 2.2 million non-citizens residing in the Los Angeles metro area are potentially at risk of deportation.
- 5.3M 5.3 million non-citizens residing in California are potentially at risk of deportation.

Local community ties

- 4 million immigrants in the Los Angeles metro area have lived in the United States for 10 or more years.
- 412,600 immigrants in the Los Angeles metro area are entrepreneurs.
- 788,300 immigrants in the Los Angeles metro area are homeowners.
- 440,500 immigrants in the Los Angeles metro area are students enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.
Economic and labor force contributions

Immigrants in the Los Angeles metro area and California contribute critical tax dollars to the local economy and are indispensable members of the workforce.

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