Profile of the foreign-born population in Sacramento, California

Immigrant population

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

Sacramento Metro Area

- 419K
- 418,800 immigrants reside in Sacramento, or 18 percent of the total population.

California

- 10.7M
- 10.7 million immigrants reside in California, or 27 percent of the total population.

Population at risk of deportation

- 182K
- 181,800 non-citizens residing in Sacramento are potentially at risk of deportation.

- 5.3M
- 5.3 million non-citizens residing in California are potentially at risk of deportation.

Children and families

Sacramento Metro Area

- 184K children
- There are 183,800 children in Sacramento with at least one immigrant parent.
- One in three children in Sacramento has at least one immigrant parent.
- The vast majority of children with at least one immigrant parent in Sacramento are U.S. citizens.

California

- 4.3M
- There are 4.3 million children in California with at least one immigrant parent.
- 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.

Local community ties

- 249,600 immigrants in Sacramento have lived in the United States for more than 15 years.
- 20,500 immigrants in Sacramento are entrepreneurs.
- 82,300 immigrants in Sacramento are homeowners.
- 57,300 immigrants in Sacramento are students enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.
Economic and labor force contributions

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

**Sacramento Metro Area**

- **$10.4B** immigrant-led households *earned* $10.4 billion.
- **$850M** immigrants contributed **$850 million** in combined *state and local* taxes.
- **$1.8B** immigrants contributed **$1.8 billion** in federal taxes.

This means immigrant-led households have an estimated **$7.7 billion** in *spending power*.

**California**

- **$367.6B** immigrant-led households *earned* **$367.6 billion**.
- **$30B** immigrants contributed **$30 billion** in combined *state and local* taxes.
- **$69.4B** immigrants contributed **$69.4 billion** in federal taxes.

This means immigrant-led households have an estimated **$268.3 billion** in *spending power*.

**Labor force participation**

**Sacramento Metro Area**

- 235,700 immigrant workers comprise **36 percent** of the city’s labor force, or **one in four**.
- 62 percent of the city’s immigrants participate in the labor force, comparable to the share among the city’s native-born population (61 percent).

**California**

- 6.3 million immigrant workers comprise **34 percent** of the state’s labor force, or **one in three**.
- 64 percent of the state’s immigrants participate in the labor force, comparable to the share among the state’s native-born population (63 percent).

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