Profile of the foreign-born population in
San Antonio, Texas

Immigrant population

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

San Antonio Metro Area

- 295,300 immigrants reside in San Antonio, or 12 percent of the total population.

Texas

- 4.7 million immigrants reside in Texas, or 17 percent of the total population.

Population at risk of deportation

- 175,000 non-citizens residing in San Antonio are potentially at risk of deportation.

- 3 million non-citizens residing in Texas are potentially at risk of deportation.

Children and families

San Antonio Metro Area

- There are 135,400 children in San Antonio with at least one immigrant parent.
- One in five children in San Antonio has at least one immigrant parent.
- The vast majority of children with at least one immigrant parent in San Antonio are U.S. citizens.

Texas

- There are 2.4 million children in Texas with at least one immigrant parent.
- One in three children in Texas has at least one immigrant parent.
- The vast majority of children with at least one immigrant parent in Texas are U.S. citizens.

Local community ties

- 167,200 immigrants in San Antonio have lived in the United States for more than 15 years.
- 68,500 immigrants in San Antonio are homeowners.
- 20,900 immigrants in San Antonio are entrepreneurs.
- 36,000 immigrants in San Antonio are students enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.
Economic and labor force contributions

Immigrants in San Antonio and Texas contribute critical tax dollars to the local economy and are indispensable members of the workforce.

**San Antonio Metro Area**

- **$6.5B** immigrant-led households earned $6.5 billion.
- **$497M** immigrants contributed $497 million in combined state and local taxes.
- **$1.1B** immigrants contributed $1.1 billion in federal taxes.

**Texas**

- **$133.3B** immigrant-led households earned $133.3 billion.
- **$9.6B** immigrants contributed $9.6 billion in combined state and local taxes.
- **$22.5B** immigrants contributed $22.5 billion in federal taxes.

*This means immigrant-led households have an estimated $4.9 billion in spending power.*

**Labor force participation**

**San Antonio Metro Area**

- 168,000 immigrant workers comprise 16 percent of the city’s labor force, or one in seven.
- **63 percent** of the city’s immigrants participate in the labor force, comparable to the share among the city’s native-born population (64 percent).

**Texas**

- 2.9 million immigrant workers comprise 22 percent of the state’s labor force, or one in five.
- **67 percent** of the state’s immigrants participate in the labor force, greater than the share among the state’s native-born population (64 percent).

**Sources**

U.S. Census Bureau:

- “Age and Nativity of Own Children under 18 Years in Families and Subfamilies by Nativity of Parents,” 2016 ACS 1-Year Estimates, available through factfinder.census.gov.

New American Economy (NAE):