Profile of the foreign-born population in
Santa Ana, California

Immigrant population

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

**Santa Ana**

- 154K
- 153,900 immigrants reside in Santa Ana, or 46 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

**Santa Ana**

- 67K children
- 5.3 million non-citizens residing in California are potentially at risk of deportation.

**California**

- 102,000 non-citizens residing in Santa Ana are potentially at risk of deportation.

Children and families

**Santa Ana**

- 92%
- The vast majority of children with at least one immigrant parent in Santa Ana are U.S. citizens.

- 4 in 5
- Four in five children in Santa Ana have at least one immigrant parent.

**California**

- 91%
- The vast majority of children with at least one immigrant parent in California are U.S. citizens.

- 1 in 2
- One in two children in California have at least one immigrant parent.

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

**Local community ties to the Greater Los Angeles Metro**

- 3 million immigrants in the metro area have lived in the United States for more than 15 years.
- 771,900 immigrants in the metro area are homeowners.
- 398,400 immigrants in the metro area are entrepreneurs.
- 449,900 immigrants in the metro area are students enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.
Economic and labor force contributions

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

**Greater Los Angeles Metro Area**

- **$128B** immigrant-led households earned $128 billion.
- **$10.5B** immigrants contributed $10.5 billion in combined state and local taxes.
- **$23.7B** immigrants contributed $23.7 billion in federal taxes.

This means immigrant-led households have an estimated $93.7 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**

**Santa Ana**

- **155,600** immigrant workers comprise 62 percent of the city’s labor force, or five in eight.
- **69 percent** of the city’s immigrants participate in the labor force, greater than the share among the city’s native-born population (64 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).

**Sources**

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