Profile of the foreign-born population in

**The United States**

### Immigrant population

The foreign-born population in the United States represents an important and diverse share of the country, many of whom live in mixed-status families.

- **326 million** people reside in the United States.
- **45 million immigrants** reside in the United States, making up 14 percent of the total U.S. population.

### Population at risk of deportation

- **23 million** of the immigrants in the United States are non-citizens who are potentially at risk of deportation.
- **22 million** of the immigrants in the United States are naturalized citizens who are not at risk of deportation.

### Children and families

- **18 million** children in the United States with at least one immigrant parent.
- **5.8 million** U.S. citizen children with a non-citizen immigrant parent.

- **One in four children** in the United States has at least one immigrant parent.
- **One in three children** of immigrants is a U.S. citizen with a non-citizen immigrant parent.

- **88%** of immigrants over the age of 25 living in the United States are high school graduates, and most have pursued higher education.

### Local community ties

- **36 million** immigrants have lived in the United States for 10 or more years.
- **9 million** immigrants in the United States are homeowners.
- **6 million** immigrants in the United States are students enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.
- **73%** of immigrants over the age of 25 living in the United States are high school graduates.
Economic and labor force contributions

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

**$1.3T** immigrant-led households earned $1.3 trillion.

**$105B** immigrants contributed $105 billion in combined state and local taxes.

**$224B** immigrants contributed $224 billion in federal taxes.

**3M** 3 million immigrants in the United States are entrepreneurs.

**8M** 8 million people in the United States are employed by immigrant-owned firms.

**44%** 44 percent of U.S. Fortune 500 companies were founded by immigrants or their children.

**$927B** This means immigrant-led households have an estimated $927 billion in spending power.

**$73B** Immigrant-owned firms earned $73 billion in business income.

### Labor force participation

**155M** workers

**155 million** workers comprise the United States’ labor force.

**63%** of the country’s residents participate in the labor force.

**1 in 6**

**27 million** immigrant workers comprise 17 percent of the country’s labor force, or one in six.

**66%** of the country’s immigrants participate in the labor force, higher than the share among the country’s native-born population (63 percent).

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