

## Immigrant population

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

### Chicago Metro Area



**1.7 million immigrants** reside in **Chicago**, or **18 percent** of the total population.

### Illinois



**1.8 million immigrants** reside in **Illinois**, or **14 percent** of the total population.

## Population at risk of deportation

**790K** 790,000 non-citizens residing in **Chicago** are potentially at risk of deportation.

**854K** 854,500 non-citizens residing in **Illinois** are potentially at risk of deportation.

## Children and families

### Chicago Metro Area

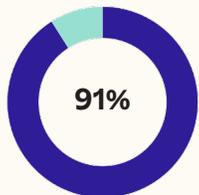
**673K**  
children

There are **673,200** children in Chicago with at least one **immigrant parent**.



1 in 3

**One in three children** in Chicago has at least one **immigrant parent**.



The **vast majority of children** with at least one immigrant parent in Chicago are **U.S. citizens. 91 percent** were born in the United States.

### Illinois

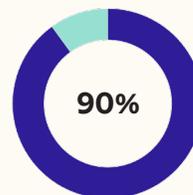
**721K**  
children

There are **721,300** children in Illinois with at least one **immigrant parent**.



2 in 7

**Two in seven children** in Illinois have at least one **immigrant parent**.



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## Local community ties



**1,371,800** immigrants have lived in the Chicago metro area **since 2009 or earlier**.



At least **468,700** homes in the Chicago metro area are **owned by immigrants**.



**122,100** immigrants in the Chicago metro area are **entrepreneurs**.



**170,100** immigrants in the Chicago metro area are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

# Economic and labor force contributions

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

## Chicago Metro Area

**\$68.7B** Immigrant-led households **earned \$68.7 billion.**

**\$7.6B** Immigrants contributed **\$7.6 billion** in combined **state and local taxes.**

**\$12.9B** Immigrants contributed **\$12.9 billion** in **federal taxes.**

**\$48.2B** This means immigrant-led households have an estimated **\$48.2 billion** in **spending power.**

## Illinois

**\$71.6B** Immigrant-led households **earned \$71.6 billion.**

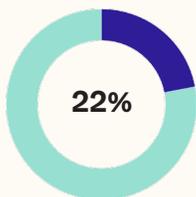
**\$8B** Immigrants contributed **\$8 billion** in combined **state and local taxes.**

**\$12.4B** Immigrants contributed **\$12.4 billion** in **federal taxes.**

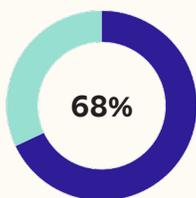
**\$51.2B** This means immigrant-led households have an estimated **\$51.2 billion** in **spending power.**

## Labor force participation

### Chicago Metro Area

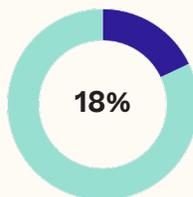


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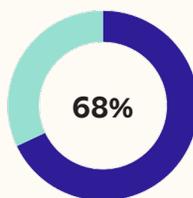


**68 percent** of immigrants **participate in the labor force**, comparable to the share among the native-born population (67 percent).

### Illinois



**1.2 million** immigrant workers comprise **18 percent** of the state's labor force.



**68 percent** of the state's immigrants **participate in the labor force**, greater than the share among the state's native-born population (65 percent).

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