Profile of the foreign-born population in Chicago, Illinois

Immigrant population

The foreign-born populations 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

**842K**
- 842,400 non citizens residing in Chicago are potentially at risk of deportation.

**914K**
- 913,900 non citizens residing in Illinois are potentially at risk of deportation.

Children and families

**Chicago Metro Area**
- There are 716,000 children in Chicago with at least one immigrant parent.
- 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. 92 percent were born in the United States.

**Illinois**
- There are 765,200 children in Illinois with at least one immigrant parent.
- Two in seven children in Illinois have at least one immigrant parent.
- The vast majority of children with at least one immigrant parent in Illinois are U.S. citizens. 91 percent were born in the United States.

Local community ties

- **1.5 million** immigrants in Chicago have lived in the United States for **more than 10 years**.
- **447,300** immigrants in Chicago are **homeowners**.
- **113,300** immigrants in Chicago are **entrepreneurs**.
- **188,900** immigrants in Chicago 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.

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Sources

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