Profile of the foreign-born population in
The United States

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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.

Population at risk of deportation

22M 22 million immigrants in the United States are non citizens who are potentially at risk of deportation.

23M 23 million immigrants in the United States are naturalized citizens who are not at risk of deportation.

Children and families

18M 18 million children in the United States with at least one immigrant parent.

5.2M 5.2 million U.S. citizen children with non citizen immigrant parents.

One in four children in the United States has at least one immigrant parent.

Two in five children of immigrants are U.S. citizens with non citizen immigrant parents.

88% The vast majority of children in the United States with at least one immigrant parent are U.S. citizens. 88% were born in the United States.

81% 81 percent of U.S.-born children of immigrants have at least one immigrant parent who has lived in the United States for 10 years or more.

Local community ties

34 million immigrants have lived in the United States since 2009 or earlier.

At least 10.3 million homes in the United States are owned by immigrants.

5.5 million immigrants in the United States are students enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

74 percent of immigrants aged 25 years or older 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 economy and are indispensable members of the workforce.

- **$1.7T** Immigrant-led households **earned $1.7 trillion.**
- **$161.7B** Immigrants contributed **$161.7 billion** in combined state and local taxes.
- **$305.9B** Immigrants contributed **$305.9 billion** in federal taxes.

This means immigrant-led households have an estimated **$1.3 trillion** in spending power.

- **$1.3T** Immigrant-owned firms earned **$1.3 trillion** in business income.
- **3.3M** 3.3 million immigrants in the United States are entrepreneurs.
- **14.8M** 14.8 million people are employed by Fortune 500 companies owned by immigrants or their children.
- **44%** 44 percent of U.S. Fortune 500 companies were founded by immigrants or their children.

Labor force participation

- **168M people** 168 million people comprise the United States’s labor force.
- **64%** 64 percent of the country’s residents participate in the labor force.
- **29 million** 29 million immigrants comprise 17 percent of the country’s labor force, or one in six.
- **67%** 67 percent of the country’s immigrants participate in the labor force, greater than the share among the country’s native-born population (63 percent).

Sources

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