Profile of the foreign-born population in

The State of New York

Immigrant population

The foreign-born population in the state of New York represents an important and diverse share of the state, many of whom live in mixed-status families.

- **20 million** people reside in the state of New York.
- **4.5 million immigrants** reside in the state of New York, or 23 percent of the total state population.

Population at risk of deportation

- **2M** of the immigrants in New York are potentially at risk of deportation.
- **2.5M** are naturalized citizens who are not at risk of deportation.

Children and families

- **1.5M children** in New York with at least one immigrant parent.
- **1 in 3** children in New York has at least one immigrant parent.
- **87%** of children in New York with at least one immigrant parent are U.S. citizens.
- **1.3M** U.S. citizen children with at least one immigrant parent.
- **3 in 8** children of immigrants have only non-citizen immigrant parents.
- **500,000 children** in New York under the age of 6 have an immigrant parent.

Local community ties

- **3.8 million** immigrants have lived in New York for more than 15 years.
- **71%** of immigrants over the age of 25 living in New York are high school graduates.
- **770,000** immigrants in New York are homeowners.
- **50%** of immigrants aged 25 or older have pursued higher education.
Economic and labor force contributions

Immigrants in the state of New York contribute critical tax dollars to the local economy and are indispensable members of the workforce.

$169.4B  immigrant-led households earned $169.4 billion.

$18.5B  immigrants contributed $18.5 billion in combined state and local taxes.

$33.1B  immigrants contributed $33.1 billion in federal taxes.

316K  316,000 immigrants in New York are entrepreneurs.

825K  825,000 people in New York are employed by immigrant-owned firms.

28%  28 percent of New York’s workforce are immigrants.

$117.8B  This means immigrant-led households have an estimated $117.8 billion in spending power.

$135.1B  Immigrant-owned firms have yielded an estimated $135.1 billion in total sales.

Labor force participation

10M workers 10 million workers comprise New York’s labor force.

63%  63 percent of the state’s residents participate in the labor force.

2.8 million 2.8 million immigrant workers comprise 28 percent of the state’s labor force, or over one in four.

65%  65 percent of the state’s immigrants participate in the labor force, higher than the share among the state’s native-born population (63 percent).

Sources

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