

Immigration Policy and Economic Impact

About the American Immigration Council

The American Immigration Council (Council) is a non-profit organization that strives to strengthen the United States by shaping immigration policies and practices through innovative programs, cutting-edge research, and strategic legal and advocacy efforts grounded in evidence, compassion, justice and fairness.

About the Global Talent Chamber Network

The Council's Global Talent Chamber Network (GTCN) brings together chambers of commerce from across the country who see immigrant integration as an economic growth strategy.



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Immigrants in the U.S. and California



- In 2023, immigrants in California paid \$168.1B in taxes and held \$404.4B in spending power.
- In California, 93.3% of undocumented immigrants are of working age. In 2023, they paid \$21B in taxes and held \$65.9B in spending power.
- Despite making up 27.3% of the total population, immigrants comprised 32.7% of the workforce in California.
- More than 46% of companies—including 28 California-based companies—on the 2024 Fortune 500 list were founded by immigrants or their children.

Immigrants in San Diego County and Metro Area

- In 2019, immigrant households in the San Diego Metro Area earned \$30.3B in income, paid \$5.8B in federal taxes, \$2.9B in state and local taxes, and held \$21.6B in spending power.
- Immigrants represented 23% of the population in the San Diego Metro Area but comprised 38% of administrative support workers, 35.9% of transportation and warehouse workers, and 33% of manufacturing workers in 2019.
- As of 2019, 77% of foreign-born immigrants in the San Diego Metro Area were of working age (between ages 16 and 64). Of those 25 years and older, 19.3% had a bachelor's degree, and 13.8% had a master's degree.
- In 2018, immigrants in San Diego County paid \$7.7B in taxes and held \$19.3B in spending power. Despite only making up 23.6% of the population, immigrants made up 8% of entrepreneurs in San Diego County.

Research

- [Mass Deportation: Devastating Costs to America, Its Budget and Economy](#)
- [Naturalization in the United States](#)
- [The H-1B Visa Program and Its Impact on the U.S. Economy](#)
- [The Expanding Role of H-2B Workers in the United States](#)
- [Undocumented College Students](#)
- [Starting Anew: The Economic Impact of Refugees in America](#)

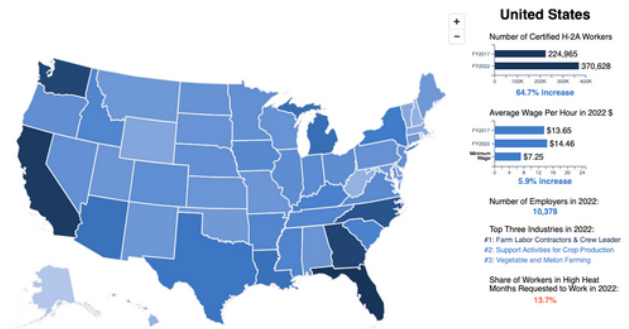
Further Reading

- [Debunking the Myth of Immigrants and Crime](#)
- [Birthright Citizenship in the United States](#)
- [The Cost of Immigration Enforcement and Border Security](#)
- [Beyond a Border Solution: How to Build a Humanitarian Protection System That Won't Break](#)
- [How the United States Immigration System Works](#)
- [The Removal System of the United States: An Overview](#)
- [A Primer on Expedited Removal](#)
- [Temporary Protected Status: An Overview](#)
- [Prosecuting People for Coming to the United States](#)
- [The Use of Parole Under Immigration Law](#)

Immigration Impact

Immigration Impact, a project of the American Immigration Council, is a news site exclusively committed to covering immigration issues.

Visit immigrationimpact.com for updates and information on a variety of topics that touch on immigration.

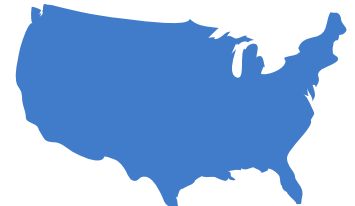


The Expanding Role of H-2A Workers in U.S. Agriculture

The H-2A Temporary Agriculture Worker Program allows U.S. employers that face a shortage of domestic workers to hire foreign nationals for temporary or seasonal agricultural jobs. An American Immigration Council analysis of Department of Labor data reveals significant demand across the country for H-2A workers. These workers have provided vital support to America's food production.

Map the Impact

Visit [Map the Impact](#) to access an interactive map with comprehensive state and local data on immigrant populations and their economic contributions that can be filtered by state, county, metro area, or district.



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