

# The Economic Impact of Immigrants in Delaware

Immigrants help power Delaware's economy as workers, taxpayers, business owners, and homebuyers. Their earnings support public services and create demand for goods and services across the state.

| Economic contribution                | Delaware estimate                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Foreign-born residents               | 121,583   11.6% of residents [1]    |
| Immigrant labor force                | 79,700   15% of the labor force [2] |
| Annual household income              | \$5.6 billion [2]                   |
| Annual federal state and local taxes | \$1.39 billion [2]                  |
| Annual purchasing power after taxes  | \$4.2 billion [2]                   |

## Taxes that support public services

Immigrant-led households contributed an estimated **\$438 million in state and local taxes** and **\$956 million in federal taxes** in 2023. These payments help fund schools, infrastructure, and other public services. [2]

## Workers and business owners

Immigrants participate in Delaware's labor force at a higher rate than U.S.-born residents: **72% compared with 61%**. [2] Delaware's Office of New Americans reports **more than 7,000 self-employed immigrants**, contributing through entrepreneurship as well as employment. [3]

## Investment in Delaware communities

Immigrants own **at least 35,200 homes in Delaware**. [2] Their household purchasing power supports demand for housing, groceries, transportation, and services. Homeownership represents accumulated investment; purchasing power is income available after taxes, not a measure of spending exclusively in Delaware.

### Data and sources | Prepared October 2026

[1] U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 American Community Survey, reported by Census Reporter. Population estimate has a margin of error of +/-7,857. [censusreporter.org](https://censusreporter.org)

[2] Vera Institute, Profile of Immigrants in Delaware, April 2025; economic figures cover 2023 and draw on American Immigration Council analysis. [Read the Delaware profile](#)

[3] Delaware Office of New Americans, overview labeled 2024. Self-employed people are not a count of distinct firms. [ona.delaware.gov/newamericans](https://ona.delaware.gov/newamericans)

Immigrants means foreign-born residents, including naturalized citizens and noncitizens. Household figures include income and estimated taxes of immigrant-led households. Measures overlap and should not be added; they do not calculate a net fiscal balance after public-service costs.