



# Immigrants Create Jobs and Fuel Economic Growth

## Immigrant Entrepreneurs Drive Business Growth

### The Engine of the U.S. Economy

Immigrant entrepreneurs play a pivotal role in the U.S. economy, founding businesses that create jobs and generate significant revenue.

- ☑ Immigrants are **80% more likely to start a business** than native-born individuals.
- ☑ Immigrants or their children founded **45% of Fortune 500 companies**.
- ☑ Immigrant entrepreneurs generate over **\$775 billion** annually in revenue from their businesses.

## Tax Contributions from Immigrants

### Boosting Public Revenue

Immigrants, including undocumented workers, contribute significantly to federal, state, and local taxes, helping fund essential services.

- ☑ Immigrants pay **\$458.7 billion** in total taxes annually, including income, sales, and property taxes.
- ☑ Undocumented immigrants alone contribute **\$27.2 billion** in taxes each year.
- ☑ Immigrant taxes help fund education, healthcare, and infrastructure, benefiting all Americans.

## Immigrant-Owned Businesses Create Jobs

### Providing Jobs for Millions

Immigrant-owned businesses are responsible for creating millions of jobs, employing people across the country in a wide variety of sectors.

- ☑ Immigrant-owned businesses employ more than **8 million people** in the U.S.
- ☑ Small businesses owned by immigrants account for **28% of all small businesses** in the U.S..
- ☑ Immigrant entrepreneurs are essential to the U.S. economy, creating opportunities for native-born and immigrant workers alike.

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## Consumer Spending Power of Immigrants

### Fueling Economic Demand

Immigrant households contribute significantly to consumer spending, driving demand for goods and services in local and national markets.

- ☑ Immigrants have a collective **\$1.3 trillion** in spending power annually.
- ☑ Immigrant households account for **14%** of total U.S. consumer spending.
- ☑ Immigrant consumer power supports industries from retail to housing, creating a positive ripple effect throughout the economy.

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## Immigrant Contributions Across Key Sectors

### Healthcare, STEM, and Agriculture

Immigrants are integral to the success of key industries, providing essential labor in sectors like healthcare, STEM, and agriculture.

- ☑ Over **25%** of U.S. doctors are immigrants.
- ☑ Immigrants make up **17%** of the U.S. STEM workforce, driving innovation and technological advancements.
- ☑ Immigrants account for **73%** of the U.S. agricultural workforce.
- ☑ Immigrants are critical to the success and sustainability of industries that Americans rely on daily.

## Resources

**Pew Research Center** – They often report on public opinions related to immigration and social issues, including data about how immigrants are perceived in terms of crime and economic contributions.  
<https://www.pewresearch.org/>

**Cato Institute** – The Cato Institute publishes research on immigration, particularly focusing on crime rates among immigrants versus native-born citizens.  
<https://www.cato.org/>

**American Immigration Council** – This organization provides extensive data on the economic contributions of immigrants, including taxes, spending power, and entrepreneurial impacts.  
<https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/>

**National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine** – They publish reports on immigration's economic and fiscal impacts, including data on taxes and public resource use.  
<https://www.nationalacademies.org/>

**Migration Policy Institute** – The MPI frequently publishes reports on the public safety impact of immigrants, refugee vetting processes, and their contributions to the economy.  
<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/>

**New American Economy** – This organization focuses on immigrants' economic impact in the U.S., including data on entrepreneurship and labor market contributions.  
<https://www.newamericaneconomy.org/>



**The Center for American Progress** – They release reports and fact sheets countering anti-immigrant rhetoric and provide statistics on immigrants' economic and social contributions.  
<https://www.americanprogress.org/>

**Department of Homeland Security (DHS)** – DHS provides data on the security screening process for refugees and immigrants, including vetting procedures and national security concerns.  
<https://www.dhs.gov/>

**The National Immigration Forum** – They provide resources and statistics regarding the contributions of immigrants to society and debunk myths about crime and economic harm.  
<https://immigrationforum.org/>