

Quick Facts on Immigrant Families in the United States



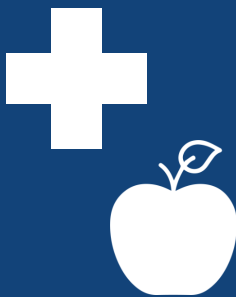
Today, **1 in 4 children** in the United States **live in families that include at least one immigrant parent.**ⁱ



Of the over **17 million children** with immigrant parents, **the overwhelming majority (87%) are U.S. citizens.**ⁱⁱ



Immigrants paid **over \$500 billion in taxes** and **generated \$1.4 trillion in spending power** in 2021.ⁱⁱⁱ



In the wake of public charge, **2.1 million immigrant essential workers and household members likely forwent Medicaid** and **1.3 million forwent Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.**^{iv}



In the wake of public charge, **3-4 million children in immigrant families missed out on public benefits they were eligible for** that could have addressed hunger in 2022.^v

ⁱ Urban Institute. (2019, March 14). Part of us: A data-driven look at children of immigrants. <https://www.urban.org/features/part-us-data-driven-look-children-immigrants>

ⁱⁱ Bernstein, H., Gonzalez, D., Karpman, M., & Zuckerman, S. (2020). Amid confusion over the public charge rule, immigrant families continued avoiding public benefits in 2019. Urban Institute. <https://www.urban.org/research/publication/amid-confusion-over-public-charge-rule-immigrant-families-continued-avoiding-public-benefits-2019>

ⁱⁱⁱ American Immigration Council. (n.d.). Immigrants in United States of America. <https://map.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/locations/national/>

^{iv} Touw, S., McCormack, G., Himmelstein, D. U., Woolhandler, S., & Zallman, L. (2021). Immigrant essential workers likely avoided Medicaid and SNAP because of a change to the public charge rule. *Health Affairs*, 40(7), 1090-1098. <https://doi.org/10.1377/hlthaff.2021.00059>

^v Gonzalez, D., Haley, J. M., & Kenney, G. M. (2023). *One in six adults in immigrant families with children avoided public programs in 2022 because of green card concerns*. Urban Institute. <https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/2023-11/One%20in%20Six%20Adults%20in%20Immigrant%20Families%20with%20Children%20Avoided%20Public%20Programs%20in%2022%20Because%20of%20Green%20Card%20Concerns.pdf>