

IMMIGRANTS ARE A VITAL PART OF CALIFORNIA'S FUTURE

Just as we came together from different places and races to build California in past decades, a strong future for our state includes immigrants

Immigrant workers and business owners grow California's economy

10.4 million immigrants reside in California. Immigrants work in low-wage, middle-wage, and higher-wage jobs in sectors across our state's economy.



45% of Main Street business owners in California are immigrants,

operating storefront shops that help keep downtown areas vibrant

32% of California's workers are immigrants, including:



52% of janitors



36% of registered nurses



56% of software developers

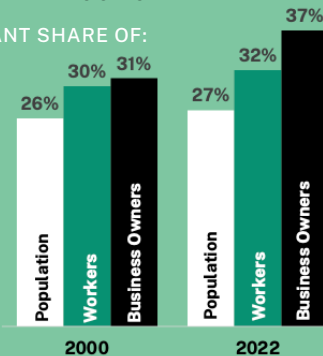
Immigrant workers and business owners generate **\$1.1 trillion of economic output in California**. Immigrant contribution to GDP is about the same as immigrant share of the labor force.

Immigration increases opportunity for people in California

When immigrants move to California, the economy grows. That doesn't mean fewer jobs, it means more jobs: there are more consumers, more workers, and more business owners. Study after study shows there is no fixed number of jobs in a state. Immigration creates opportunities that benefit U.S.-born workers too.

IMMIGRANTS ARE PART OF A GROWING CALIFORNIA ECONOMY

IMMIGRANT SHARE OF:



As Californians age, we'll need more workers

As our population ages, new immigrants help keep our economy growing at a sustainable rate. Immigrants help meet growing needs for health care, home care, and supportive services that are key for older Californians to have a dignified retirement.

Some people try to scapegoat immigrants to keep us divided. We don't have to fall for it.

After a generation of stagnating wages, workers have seen strong wage gains over the past decade thanks to policy choices like raising the minimum wage. Policymakers have the tools to create a good economy for workers. It requires uniting around policy choices that strengthen worker power, rights, and protections to ensure good jobs for all. We all do better when we unite for policies that grow jobs and wages for workers regardless of race or country of birth.