

# New Americans in the Kansas City Metro Area

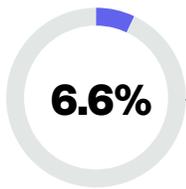
The Demographic and Economic Contributions of Immigrants in the Region

## KANSAS CITY METRO AREA

### POPULATION

Number of immigrants in the metro area in 2017:

**140,442**



Immigrant share of the total population in Kansas City in 2017

### TAXES AND SPENDING POWER

Given their income, immigrants contributed significantly to state and local taxes, including property, sales, and excise taxes levied by state and local governments.

Immigrant household income in 2017:

**\$4.1B**

Taxes paid by immigrant households in 2017:

**\$1.0B**

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Federal taxes paid by immigrant households <sup>1</sup>         | <b>\$697.0M</b> |
| State and local taxes paid by immigrant households <sup>2</sup> | <b>\$325.4M</b> |
| <b>Total immigrant spending power</b>                           | <b>\$3.1B</b>   |

### WORKFORCE

In Kansas City immigrants were more likely to be of working-age than their U.S counterparts.



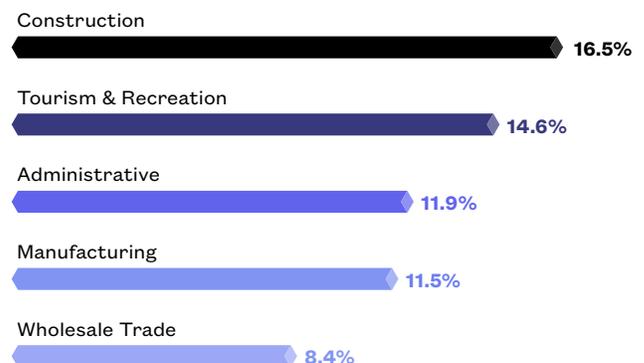
Share of immigrants who were working-age in 2017:<sup>3</sup>

**83.9%**

| Age   | Share of immigrant population | Share of U.S.-born population |
|-------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 0-15  | 7.7%                          | 22.7%                         |
| 16-64 | <b>83.9%</b>                  | 62.7%                         |
| 65+   | 8.5%                          | 14.7%                         |

This means that in 2017, immigrants were more likely to be active in the labor force, allowing them to contribute to the economy as both consumers and taxpayers.

**Top industries** by immigrant share of workforce in 2017:



## HOUSING

Number of immigrant households that **owned their own homes** in 2017:

**28,228**

## EDUCATION

Share of the metro population aged 25 or older that held **a bachelor's degree or higher** in 2017:

**32.0%** of immigrants



**37.1%** of U.S.-born



Share of the metro population aged 25 or older that held **an advanced degree** in 2017:

**14.9%** of immigrants

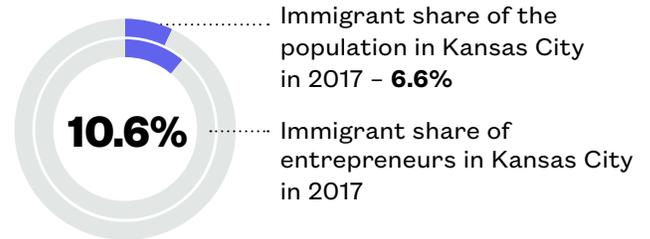


**13.6%** of U.S.-born



## ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Despite making up only 6.6% of the Kansas City population in 2017, immigrants were major leaders and innovators in business.



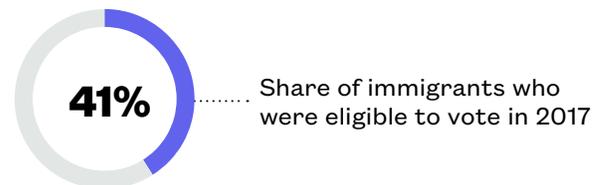
**31.2%**

How much more likely immigrants were to start a business than U.S.-born residents in 2017

## POLITICAL POWER

Number of immigrants who were **eligible to vote** in 2017:

**57,631**



For more city, district, and state-level data, visit [MapTheImpact.org](http://MapTheImpact.org) and explore our interactive map.



- 1 U.S. Congressional Budget Office. 2018. "The Distribution of Household Income and Federal Taxes, 2015."
- 2 Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy. 2015. "Who Pays? A Distributional Analysis of the Tax Systems in All Fifty States."
- 3 We define working age as 16-64 years of age.