

# ECHOES OF OUR PAST, QUESTIONS FOR OUR FUTURE

## NAPA VALLEY'S IMMIGRANT POPULATION

Immigrants play an important role in the Napa Valley economy and community. Like past waves of immigrants to the US, Napa Valley's foreign-born residents are over-represented in the workforce, younger than their native-born neighbors, and making economic strides for their families.

### PORTRAIT OF AN IMMIGRANT

Immigrants make up **23 percent** of the Napa County population.



**2/3rds of immigrants:**

- \*Are from Mexico and other Latin American countries.
- \*Have resided in the U.S. for 10 years or more.
- \*Are naturalized citizens or legal permanent residents.

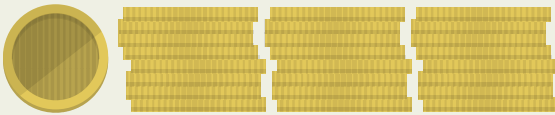


### MEXICO

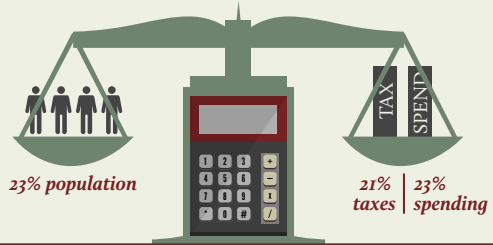


Immigrants account for up to \$1 billion of Napa County's annual GDP.

# \$1 BILLION

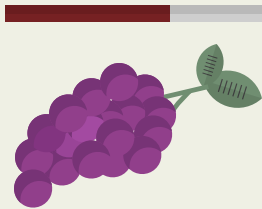


Immigrant households pay **21 percent** of state and local taxes and use public resources proportionally to their population.



### Immigrants in the workforce:

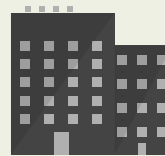
\* **73 percent** of agriculture.



\* **39 percent** of manufacturing.



\* **37 percent** of construction.



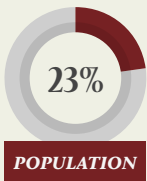
\* **29 percent** of hospitality.



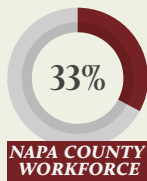
### ECHOES OF OUR PAST

Today's immigrants in Napa Valley are working hard, laying down roots, and making economic strides, just like other immigrants before them:

\* Immigrants are **23 percent** of the population but **33 percent** of the Napa County workforce.



POPULATION



NAPA COUNTY WORKFORCE

\* **55 percent** of immigrants in Napa County own their homes.



\* Poverty rates have fallen nearly **60 percent** among Latino immigrants in Napa County in the last 20 years.



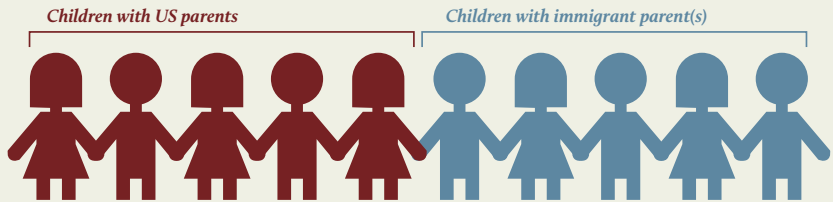
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## NAPA VALLEY'S IMMIGRANT POPULATION

Immigrant families in Napa County are younger and augmenting an aging native-born population—a pattern that has occurred at other times of high immigration in the US.

\* The native-born white population has not grown in the last 20 years, and it is rapidly aging, with significant declines in every age group below 46.

\* Children of immigrants make up nearly **50 percent** of the school-age population. They account for roughly **50 percent** of K-12 public education expenditures.



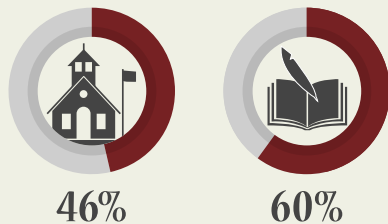
\* **90 percent** of these children are US-born citizens.



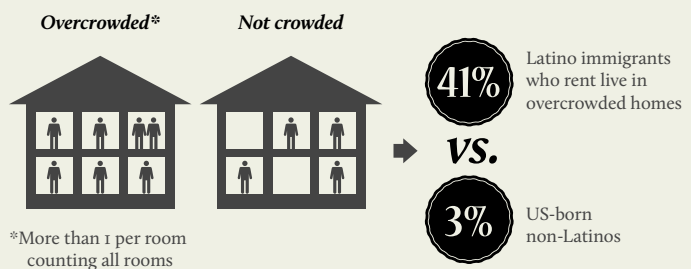
### A CHANGING DEMOGRAPHIC: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE

In Napa Valley, our future prosperity and success hinges on our capability to address complex issues like immigration and work together toward pragmatic solutions.

\* **Education:** There is a significant, if narrowing, achievement gap between Anglo and Latino students in our schools. Among adults, **46 percent** of immigrants have less education than high school; **60 percent** are not proficient in English.



\* **Housing:** Nearly 2/3 of immigrant households spend more than **30 percent** of their income on housing and many live in overcrowded conditions.



\* **Civic Life:** Only **30 percent** of Napa's immigrants become citizens, which is **7 percent** lower than the statewide average. More than 300 people have been deported from Napa County since 2010 under a new federal immigration policy; **73 percent** had a misdemeanor conviction or no conviction.



Napa Valley Community Foundation is committed to encouraging a civil, fact-based dialogue about the contributions that immigrants make in our community, as well as the challenges and opportunities that are presented to our region as a result of changing demographics. On these issues, we see echoes of our past and the potential for a brighter future for all.