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**

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- 2/3 of immigrants:
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  - Have resided in the U.S. for 10 years or more.
  - Are naturalized citizens or legal permanent residents.

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

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

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**NAPA VALLEY’S IMMIGRANT POPULATION**

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

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**IMMIGRANTS IN THE WORKFORCE:**

- 73 percent of agriculture.
- 39 percent of manufacturing.
- 37 percent of construction.
- 29 percent of hospitality.

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- Children of immigrants make up nearly 50% of the school-age population. They account for roughly 50% of K-12 public education expenditures.
- 90% of these children are US-born citizens.
- Education: There is a significant, if narrowing, achievement gap between Anglo and Latino students in our schools. Among adults, 46% of immigrants have less education than high school; 60% are not proficient in English.
- Housing: Nearly 2/3 of immigrant households spend more than 30% of their income on housing and many live in overcrowded conditions.
- Civic Life: Only 30% of Napa's immigrants become citizens, which is 7% lower than the statewide average. More than 300 people have been deported from Napa County since 2010 under a new federal immigration policy; 73% had a misdemeanor conviction or no conviction.

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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.

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