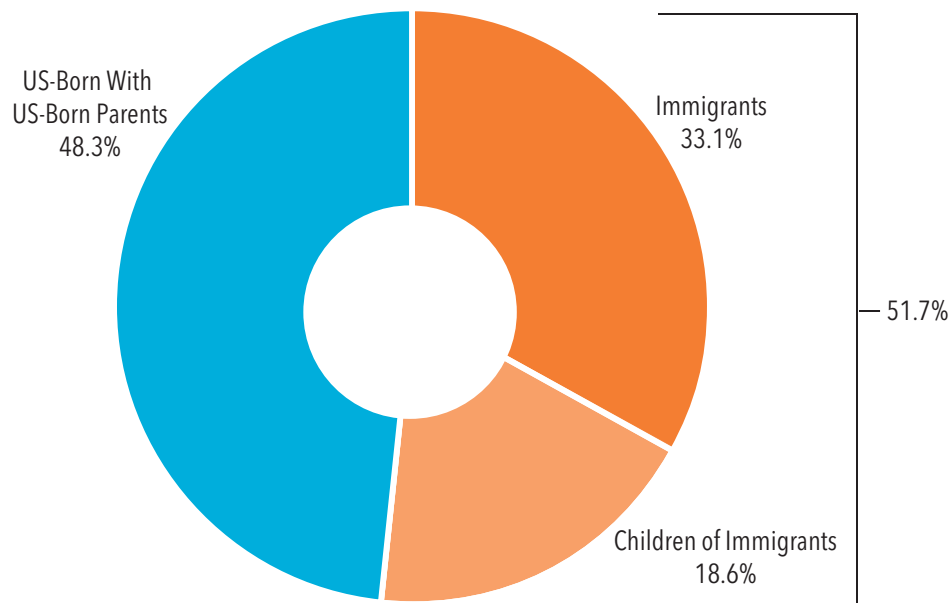




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## Half of All California Workers Are Immigrants or Children of Immigrants

Immigrant Status of Employed Individuals in California, 2016-2018



Note: Categories are mutually exclusive. Data include employed civilians age 15 or older.  
Source: Budget Center analysis of US Census Bureau, Current Population Survey data

- California was home to nearly 10.7 million immigrants in 2017, making up 26.9% of the state population. California had the largest percentage of immigrant residents of any state.

- Immigrants are vital to California's labor force. A total of 6.3 million immigrants were employed in California in 2017, representing 1 in 3 workers in the state. Immigrants and children of immigrants made up half of all California workers from 2016 to 2018.

- Immigrants also help drive California's strong economy as business leaders. More than 40% of Silicon Valley high-tech startups from 2006 to 2012 were founded by immigrants, and nearly half of the state's Fortune 500 companies have founders who are immigrants or children of immigrants.