

IMMIGRANTS ARE A VITAL PART OF VIRGINIA'S FUTURE

A strong future for our state includes immigrants

Immigrant workers and business owners grow Virginia's economy

Just over 1 million immigrants reside in Virginia. Immigrants work in low-wage, middle-wage, and higher-wage jobs in sectors across our state's economy.



29% of Main Street business owners in Virginia are immigrants,

operating storefront shops that help keep downtown areas vibrant



34% of chefs and head cooks



44% of computer engineers



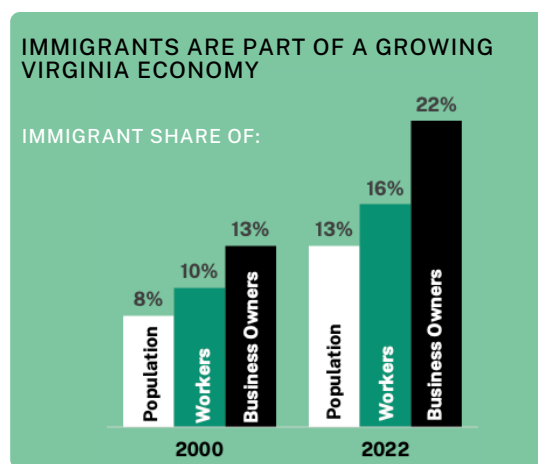
28% of childcare workers

16% of Virginia workers are immigrants, including:

It turns out that immigrant workers and business owners generate **\$104 billion of economic output** in Virginia. Immigrant contribution to GDP is about the same as immigrant share of the labor force.

Immigration increases opportunity for Virginians

When immigrants move to Virginia, 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.



As Virginians 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 Virginians to have a dignified retirement.

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

After decades of stagnating wages, today wage growth is starting to move in the right direction. We know how to create a good economy for workers. It requires uniting around policy choices like investments in infrastructure, manufacturing, and our care economy with strong labor standards. Regardless of race or country of birth, we all do better when we unite for policies that grow jobs and wages.