



New York City's Uneven Recovery: Foreign-Born in the Workforce

OUTSIZED LABOR FORCE CONTRIBUTION

2X In 2023, New York City's 1.8M foreign-born workers aged 16+ made up 44.3% of the total labor force, 2X more than the national share of 18.6%.

SLOW LABOR FORCE RECOVERY

In 2023, the number of foreign-born workers citywide was still 0.6% less than the peak in 2015. Nationwide the number was 18.5% more.

UNEVEN UNEMPLOYMENT RECOVERY

Young immigrant workers faced double-digit unemployment and those aged 25-54 were still recovering in 2023.

Unemployment Rates	16-24	25-54	55-64	64+
2019	10.2%	2.8%	5.2%	5.4%
2023	15.4%	4.5%	3.4%	4.9%
Percentage point difference 2019-2023	5.2	1.7	-0.8	-0.5

CONCENTRATION IN LOW-WAGE INDUSTRIES

Many of the City's immigrants work in industries that pay less than the total private sector, such as health care and social assistance and accommodation and food services.

STRONG SELF-EMPLOYMENT

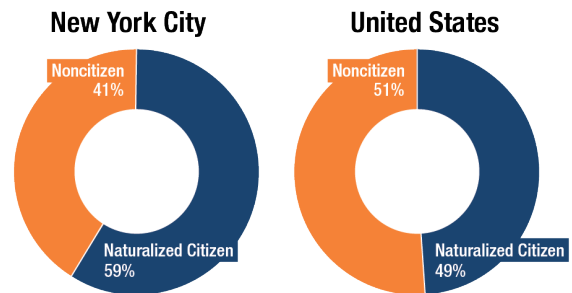
2X The City's foreign-born self-employed share of 49% is 2X more than the national share of 23%.

CONTRIBUTION TO ECONOMY

\$383B The City's foreign-born workers contributed \$383B to the real gross City product in 2022.

NATURALIZED CITIZEN SHARE EXCEEDS NATION

The City's naturalized citizen share of 59% is higher than the national share of 49%.



Policies Impacting the Immigrant Workforce

CHANGES TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION POLICIES

Stricter enforcement at the southern border and more restrictions prior to and during the COVID-19 pandemic led to a sustained decrease in the immigrant population.

DECLINE IN VISA ISSUANCES

Between 2015 and 2019, visas nationwide decreased 19% amid federal government changes to temporary protected status. In the next year, they decreased 54% during the pandemic.

CHANGES TO TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS

Beginning late 2017, the federal government terminated TPS for El Salvador, Haiti, Nicaragua, Sudan, Nepal and Honduras.

IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

165% Deportations by ICE officers in New York City rose 165% citywide between FFY 2016 and 2019. Nationally it was 11%.

