Did you know…

**IMMIGRANT FAMILIES**

- Almost 2/3 of non-citizens (64%) live in households with citizens.
- 72% of non-citizen Latinos live in households with citizens.
- 59% of Asian non-citizens live in mixed status households.
- Immigrant households receive 41% of the total household income in the county, holding significant spending power.

**ANCESTRY**

- In 2014, 348,197 county residents reported multiple ancestry.
- 58.5% of immigrants come from Asia, 29% from Latin America, 9.1% from Europe, 1.5% from Northern America, 1.4% from Africa and 0.5% from Oceania.

**LANGUAGES**

- More than 83 languages are spoken in Santa Clara County. 51.2% of the population speaks a language other than English.

**LABOR FORCE**

- Immigrants participate in the labor force at higher rates than the U. S. born residents: 64% of immigrants and 61% of the U. S. born over the age of 16 are employed.
- About 85% of all Latino and Asian immigrant men of working age (25-64) are employed, compared with 79% of U.S. born Latino and Asian men.
- Immigrants comprise 77% of grounds maintenance, 79% of farm workers, and 83% of cooks.
- Silicon Valley depends on immigrants: they are experts in science & technology and the majority of workers in production, farming, grounds cleaning and food preparation Industries.

Sources: The U. S. Census Bureau, California Immigrant Policy Center & Keen Research Center
CREATING JOBS

- Immigrants are industrious and entrepreneurial. They are more likely to create their own jobs than native born workers.

- For the working age population (age 25 to 64) Latino immigrants have a self-employment rate of 9%--more a third higher than the rate for the U.S. born Latinos.

- Asian immigrants also slightly more likely to be self-employed than the U.S. born Asians.

- The largest numbers of self-employed immigrant workers are in the service and administrative sectors, construction, health care, professional, scientific and technical fields.

- Most prominent Silicon Valley's high-tech companies have been created and expanded by immigrants. They create global networks.

TOTAL NUMBERS

724,000 number of immigrants
37% of County population
48% of immigrants are U. S. citizens
Of all children in Santa Clara County, 59% have at least one immigrant parent

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contribute 44% of region’s GDP or over $21 billion

Contribute nearly half of the labor force (46%), and 79% of agricultural workers, 87% of housekeeping cleaners, 49% of scientific and management staff

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