Race and Diversity in the Golden State

California’s diversity is one of the state’s greatest assets. What are the numbers behind it?

California has higher percentages of Latinos and Asians than the US as a whole

- **23%** of immigrants in the United States live in California
- **46%** of California children have at least one immigrant parent
- **53%** of California state legislators are non-white, up from **13%** in 1990

Asia remains the leading source of recent immigrants to California, though levels have declined recently

Persisting disparities

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