Seattle Housing Authority
immigrant and refugee tenants

5,082 tenants are immigrants or refugees (15% of all residents)

2,751 households have at least one non-citizen resident (17% of all households)

60% of immigrant and refugee households have children.

25% of U.S. citizen households have children.

Average family size of immigrant and refugee tenants is 3.4.
Average family size for U.S. citizen tenants is 1.7.

46% of immigrant and refugee households have children who are U.S. citizens.

51% of the workable* immigrant and refugee tenant population is employed.
47% of immigrant and refugee tenants aged 18-24 are enrolled in college.
57% of immigrant and refugee households have at least one working adult.

*A workable tenant is defined as a non-disabled adult aged 18-64.

Age and workable* status of immigrant and refugee tenants

- Adults with disabilities (18-64): 8%
- Elderly adults (65+): 16%
- Workable adults (18-64): 52%
- Minors (0-17): 25%

The largest immigrant and refugee population among tenants is East African.

Race and ethnicity of immigrant and refugee tenants

- Black/African American: 62%
- Asian: 22%
- Hispanic: 6%
- White: 8%
- All other races: 2%

Immigrants and refugees make up 22% of all SHA residents of color.

Top 10 native languages of immigrant and refugee tenants

- Somali
- Amharic
- Vietnamese
- Tigrinya
- English
- Oromo
- Spanish
- Arabic
- Cantonese
- Russian

Somali, Amharic, Tigrinya and Oromo are all languages spoken in East Africa.

7% speak an additional language. Language data is missing for 19% of refugee and immigrant tenants.

Data current as of January 1, 2017.