

Immigrants Are Major Contributors to Florida's Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities Industries

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Florida's transportation, warehousing, and utilities industries. Some 158,000 immigrants, or about 49% of all immigrants in the transportation, warehousing, and utilities industries, are U.S. citizens. About 84,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 10,000 are temporary immigrants on a nonimmigrant visa.

Dreamers—undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. as children before 2021 and are either in school or have graduated from high school—number 6,000 workers in Florida's transportation, warehousing, and utilities industries.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 13,000 workers in Florida's transportation, warehousing, and utilities industries. Meanwhile, an estimated 24,000 immigrants working in Florida's transportation, warehousing, and utilities industries are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim.

Immigrant groups protected from deportation—DACA recipients, TPS holders, people seeking asylum, and those waiting for a permanent residency visa—**have access to work permits, making up an estimated 37,000 transportation, warehousing, and utilities industries workers in Florida.**

323,000

Immigrant workers in transportation, warehousing, and utilities industries

36%

Transportation, warehousing, and utilities industries workforce are immigrants

68,000

Self-employed immigrant transportation, warehousing, and utilities industries workers