

Immigrants Make Connecticut Stronger

*An estimated **632,000** immigrants live in Connecticut, making up **17%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **23%** of households in Connecticut.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Connecticut's economy.

Some 21% of Connecticut's labor force are immigrants, including 30% of the construction industry, 50% of agriculture, 23% of manufacturing, 23% of business services, and 23% of leisure and hospitality.

About 39,000 immigrants in Connecticut work in STEM-related jobs, of which 26% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 27% of STEM degree holders in Connecticut are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Connecticut's communities. Some 301,000 immigrants, or about 48% of all immigrants in Connecticut, are U.S. citizens. About 125,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 38,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 9% of individuals in Connecticut, or some 333,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 56,000 U.S. citizen children in Connecticut live with an undocumented parent, while some 15,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 73,000 undocumented individuals in Connecticut have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 37,000 of those living in the U.S. for more than 20 years.

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 23,000 and **contribute \$703 million annually to Connecticut's economy.** They also contribute \$106 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,900 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 9,000 and **contributed \$255 million to Connecticut's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 51,000 immigrants in Connecticut are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$1.1 billion to Connecticut's economy annually.

Immigrant groups currently protected from deportation—DACA recipients, TPS holders, people seeking asylum, and those waiting for a permanent residency visa—**have access to work authorizations, making up an estimated 37,000 workers in Connecticut's labor force, and paying an estimated \$185 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$26.8 billion

Annual spending power

\$10.5 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

57,000

Self-employed

35%

With college or advanced degrees

93%

Speak English

90%

Earn above the minimum needed to live