

Immigrants Make Denver Stronger

*An estimated **123,000** immigrants live in Denver, making up **16%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **20%** of households in Denver.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Denver's economy. Some 18% of Denver's labor force are immigrants, including 38% of the construction industry, 43% of agriculture, 19% of manufacturing, 14% of business services, and 14% of leisure and hospitality.

About **5,000** immigrants in Denver work in **STEM-related jobs**, of which 5% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 13% of STEM degree holders in Denver are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Denver's communities. Some 45,000 immigrants, or about 37% of all immigrants in Denver, are U.S. citizens. About 34,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 8,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated **10%** of individuals in Denver, or some **78,000**, are either **undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant**. Some 15,000 U.S. citizen children in Denver live with an undocumented parent, while some 4X,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 21,000 undocumented individuals in Denver have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 13,000 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 5,000 and **contribute \$145 million annually to Denver's economy**. They also contribute \$17million in state and local taxes each year. Some 7,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 2,000 and **contribute \$76 million to Denver's economy each year**. Meanwhile, an estimated 7,000 or more immigrants in Denver are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$194 million to Denver'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 9,000 workers in Denver's labor force, and paying an estimated \$42 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$4.7 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.5 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

9,000

Self-employed

34%

With college or advanced degrees

94%

Speak English

85%

Earn above the minimum needed to live