

Immigrants Make Kansas Stronger

*An estimated **261,000** immigrants live in Kansas, making up **9%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **11%** of households in Kansas.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Kansas's economy.

Some 11% of Kansas's labor force are immigrants, including 19% of the construction industry, 10% of agriculture, 18% of manufacturing, 18% of business services, and 15% of leisure and hospitality.

About 17,000 immigrants in Kansas work in STEM-related jobs, of which 28% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 17% of STEM degree holders in Kansas are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Kansas's communities. Some 94,000 immigrants, or about 36% of all immigrants in Kansas, are U.S. citizens. About 44,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 16,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 7% of individuals in Kansas, or some 202,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 44,000 U.S. citizen children in Kansas live with an undocumented parent, while some 9,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 52,000 undocumented individuals in Kansas have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 33,000 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 18,000 and **contribute \$523 million annually to Kansas's economy.** They also contribute \$72 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 4,400 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 6,000 and **contributed \$94 million to Kansas's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 19,000 immigrants in Kansas are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$483 million to Kansas'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 21,000 workers in Kansas's labor force, and paying an estimated \$123 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$9.2 billion

Annual spending power

\$3.1 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

22,000

Self-employed

28%

With college or advanced degrees

90%

Speak English

86%

Earn above the minimum needed to live