

Immigrants Make Maryland Stronger

*An estimated **1,135,000** immigrants live in Maryland, making up **18%** of the total population.*

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

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Maryland's economy.

Some 23% of Maryland's labor force are immigrants, including 38% of the construction industry, 18% of agriculture, 18% of manufacturing, 18% of business services, and 25% of leisure and hospitality.

About 103,000 immigrants in Maryland work in STEM-related jobs, of which 12% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 33% of STEM degree holders in Maryland are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Maryland's communities. Some 543,000 immigrants, or about 48% of all immigrants in Maryland, are U.S. citizens. About 203,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 64,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 11% of individuals in Maryland, or some 697,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 138,000 U.S. citizen children in Maryland live with an undocumented parent, while some 21,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 150,000 undocumented individuals in Maryland have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 77,000 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 48,000 and **contribute \$1.2 billion annually to Maryland's economy.** They also contribute \$169 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 6,700 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 35,000 and **contributed \$1.1 billion to Maryland's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 70,000 immigrants in Maryland are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$1.7 billion to Maryland'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 73,000 workers in Maryland's labor force, and paying an estimated \$428 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$48.4 billion

Annual spending power

\$18.4 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

108,000

Self-employed

43%

With college or advanced degrees

92%

Speak English

90%

Earn above the minimum needed to live