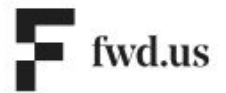


Immigrants Make Milwaukee Metro Stronger



*An estimated **150,000** immigrants live in Milwaukee, making up **10%** of the total population.*

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

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Milwaukee's economy.

Some 11% of Milwaukee's labor force are immigrants, including 15% of the construction industry, 18% of manufacturing, 12% of business services, and 10% of leisure and hospitality.

About 10,000 immigrants in Milwaukee work in STEM-related jobs, of which 40% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 21% of STEM degree holders in Milwaukee are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Milwaukee's communities.

Some 65,000 immigrants, or about 43% of all immigrants in Milwaukee, are U.S. citizens. About 31,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 13,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 5% of individuals in Milwaukee, or some 80,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 17,000 U.S. citizen children in Milwaukee live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 23,000 undocumented individuals in Milwaukee 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 6,000 and **contribute \$177 million annually to Milwaukee's economy**. They also contribute \$22 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 3,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

An estimated 11,000 immigrants in Milwaukee are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, contributing \$267 million to Milwaukee'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 12,000 workers in Milwaukee's labor force, and paying an estimated \$48 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$5.4 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.7 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

6,000

Self-employed

37%

With college or advanced degrees

88%

Speak English

85%

Earn above the minimum needed to live