

Immigrants Make New Haven Metro Stronger



*An estimated **141,000** immigrants live in New Haven, making up **17%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **21%** of households in New Haven.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of New Haven's economy.

Some 19% of New Haven's labor force are immigrants, including 28% of the construction industry, 22% of agriculture, 26% of manufacturing, 19% of business services, and 21% of leisure and hospitality.

About 8,000 immigrants in New Haven work in STEM-related jobs, of which 30% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 26% of STEM degree holders in New Haven are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost New Haven's communities.

Some 69,000 immigrants, or about 48% of all immigrants in New Haven, are U.S. citizens. About 33,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 8,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 9% of individuals in New Haven, or some 75,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 11,000 U.S. citizen children in New Haven live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 14,000 undocumented individuals in New Haven have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 8,000 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 \$158 million annually to New Haven's economy**. They also contribute \$24 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 1,000 and **contributed \$3 million to New Haven's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 8,000 immigrants in New Haven are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$174 million to New Haven'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 6,000 workers in New Haven's labor force, and paying an estimated \$32 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$5.5 billion

Annual spending power

\$2.0 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

8,000

Self-employed

34%

With college or advanced degrees

93%

Speak English

89%

Earn above the minimum needed to live