

# Immigrants Make Salt Lake City Metro Stronger



*An estimated **208,000** immigrants live in Salt Lake City, making up **15%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **20%** of households in Salt Lake City.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of Salt Lake City's economy.**

Some 19% of Salt Lake City's labor force are immigrants, including 32% of the construction industry, 26% of manufacturing, 18% of business services, and 22% of leisure and hospitality.

**\$6.9 billion**

Annual spending power

**About 15,000 immigrants in Salt Lake City work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 20% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 22% of STEM degree holders in Salt Lake City are immigrants.

**\$2.1 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Salt Lake City's communities.**

Some 66,000 immigrants, or about 32% of all immigrants in Salt Lake City, are U.S. citizens. About 36,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 13,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**13,000**

Self-employed

**An estimated 13% of individuals in Salt Lake City, or some 175,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.**

Some 27,000 U.S. citizen children in Salt Lake City live with an undocumented parent, while some 6,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 38,000 undocumented individuals in Salt Lake City have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 25,000 of those living in the U.S. for more than 20 years.

**32%**

With college or advanced degrees

**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 11,000 and **contribute \$312 million annually to Salt Lake City's economy**. They also contribute \$41 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 3,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**89%**

Speak English

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 7,000 and **contributed \$174 million to Salt Lake City's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 21,000 immigrants in Salt Lake City are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$502 million to Salt Lake City's economy annually.

**88%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live

**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 22,000 workers in Salt Lake City's labor force, and paying an estimated \$100 million annually in state and local taxes.**