

Immigrants Make Baltimore Metro Stronger

*An estimated **366,000** immigrants live in Baltimore, making up **13%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **17%** of households in Baltimore.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Baltimore's economy. Some 16% of Baltimore's labor force are immigrants, including 26% of the construction industry, 20% of agriculture, 13% of manufacturing, 17% of business services, and 18% of leisure and hospitality.

About 35,000 immigrants in Baltimore work in STEM-related jobs, of which 13% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 27% of STEM degree holders in Baltimore are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Baltimore's communities. Some 182,000 immigrants, or about 50% of all immigrants in Baltimore, are U.S. citizens. About 62,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 22,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 8% of individuals in Baltimore, or some 212,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 45,000 U.S. citizen children in Baltimore live with an undocumented parent, while some 8,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 39,000 undocumented individuals in Baltimore have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 19,000 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 15,000 and contribute **\$340 million annually to Baltimore's economy**. They also contribute \$45 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 5,000 and contributed **\$106 million to Baltimore's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 25,000 immigrants in Baltimore are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$691 million to Baltimore'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 16,000 workers in Baltimore's labor force, and paying an estimated \$122 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$15.7 billion

Annual spending power

\$6.0 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

39,000

Self-employed

48%

With college or advanced degrees

96%

Speak English

87%

Earn above the minimum needed to live