

Immigrants Make Baltimore Stronger

*An estimated **341,000** immigrants live in Baltimore metro area, making up **12%** of the total population.*

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

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Baltimore's economy. Some 14% of Baltimore's labor force are immigrants, including 21% of the construction industry, 8% of agriculture, 15% of manufacturing, 16% of business services, and 19% of leisure and hospitality.

About 35,000 immigrants in Baltimore work in STEM-related jobs, of which 12% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 26% of STEM degree holders in Baltimore are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Baltimore's communities. Some 176,000 immigrants, or about 52% of all immigrants in Baltimore, are U.S. citizens. About 73,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 16,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 6% of individuals in Baltimore, or some 172,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 38,000 U.S. citizen children in Baltimore live with an undocumented parent, while some 9,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 40,000 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 16,000 and contribute \$441 million annually to Baltimore's economy. They also contribute \$63 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—number 6,000. Meanwhile, an estimated 21,000 immigrants in Baltimore are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$386 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 18,000 workers in Baltimore's labor force, and paying an estimated \$82 million annually in state and local taxes.

\$13.3 billion

Annual spending power

\$4.8 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

30,000

Self-employed

47%

With college or advanced degrees

97%

Speak English

90%

Earn above the minimum needed to live