

Immigrants Make Washington, D.C. Stronger

*An estimated **98,000** immigrants live in Washington, making up **14%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **20%** of households in Washington.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Washington's economy.

Some 16% of Washington's labor force are immigrants, including 29% of the construction industry, 15% of business services, and 15% of leisure and hospitality.

About 9,000 immigrants in Washington work in STEM-related jobs, of which 25% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 24% of STEM degree holders in Washington are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Washington's communities.

Some 41,000 immigrants, or about 42% of all immigrants in Washington, are U.S. citizens. About 28,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 13,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 5% of individuals in Washington, or some 32,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 2,000 U.S. citizen children in Washington live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 7,000 undocumented individuals in Washington have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 5,000 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 4,000 and **contribute \$121 million annually to Washington's economy.** They also contribute \$14 million in state and local taxes each year.

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 5,000 workers in Washington's labor force, and paying an estimated \$22 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$6.2 billion

Annual spending power

\$2.0 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

7,000

Self-employed

61%

With college or advanced degrees

96%

Speak English

93%

Earn above the minimum needed to live