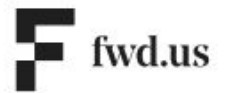


Immigrants Make Alabama Stronger



*An estimated **213,000** immigrants live in Alabama, making up **4%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **6%** of households in Alabama.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Alabama's economy. Some 5% of Alabama's labor force are immigrants, including 11% of the construction industry, 7% of agriculture, 6% of manufacturing, 6% of business services, and 6% of leisure and hospitality.

About 15,000 immigrants in Alabama work in STEM-related jobs, of which 26% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 11% of STEM degree holders in Alabama are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Alabama's communities. Some 69,000 immigrants, or about 33% of all immigrants in Alabama, are U.S. citizens. About 54,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 19,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 140,000 are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 31,000 U.S. citizen children in Alabama live with an undocumented parent, while some 5,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 34,000 undocumented individuals in Alabama have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 21,000 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 12,000 and **contribute \$289 million annually to Alabama's economy**. They also contribute \$34 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 3,600 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 4,000 and **contribute \$117 million to Alabama's economy each year**. Meanwhile, an estimated 15,000 immigrants in Alabama are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$294 million to Alabama'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 14,000 workers in Alabama's labor force, and paying an estimated \$66 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$7.4 billion

Annual spending power

\$2.2 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

25,000

Self-employed

17%

With college or advanced degrees

91%

Speak English

82%

Earn above the minimum needed to live

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