

Immigrants Make Arizona Stronger



*An estimated **1,029,000** immigrants live in Arizona, making up **14%** of the total population.*

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

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Arizona's economy. Some 16% of Arizona's labor force are immigrants, including 25% of the construction industry, 45% of agriculture, 21% of manufacturing, 18% of business services, and 14% of leisure and hospitality.

About 56,000 immigrants in Arizona work in STEM-related jobs, of which 29% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 26% of STEM degree holders in Arizona are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Arizona's communities. Some 426,000 immigrants, or about 41% of all immigrants in Arizona, are U.S. citizens. About 282,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 58,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 8% of individuals in Arizona, or some 584,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 118,000 U.S. citizen children in Arizona live with an undocumented parent, while some 31,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 159,000 undocumented individuals in Arizona have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 115,000 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 58,000 and contribute **\$1.4 billion annually to Arizona's economy**. They also contribute \$165 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 20,200 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 5,000 and contribute **\$56 million to Arizona's economy each year**. Meanwhile, an estimated 27,000 immigrants in Arizona are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$547 million to Arizona'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 44,000 workers in Arizona's labor force, and paying an estimated \$194 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$34.4 billion

Annual spending power

\$9.9 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

98,000

Self-employed

12%

With college or advanced degrees

89%

Speak English

85%

Earn above the minimum needed to live

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Data sources: FWD.us analysis of augmented 2023 American Community Survey data with immigrant status assignment according to FWD.us methodology and adjustments for 2024 population estimates (fwd.us/acs-methodology). Estimates may differ slightly from U.S. Census Bureau estimates because of adjustments made for undocumented immigrants and other immigrant groups, including most recent arrivals. For more information or additional data analysis, email data@fwd.us.