

Immigrants Make Delaware Stronger

*An estimated **123,000** immigrants live in Delaware, making up **12%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **16%** of households in Delaware.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Delaware's economy. Some 13% of Delaware's labor force are immigrants, including 21% of the construction industry, 40% of agriculture, 16% of manufacturing, 17% of business services, and 18% of leisure and hospitality.

About 12,000 immigrants in Delaware work in STEM-related jobs, of which 36% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, we 28% of STEM degree holders in Delaware are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Delaware's communities. Some 53,000 immigrants, or about 43% of all immigrants in Delaware, are U.S. citizens. About 26,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 10,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 6% of individuals in Delaware, or some 67,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 11,000 U.S. citizen children in Delaware live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 19,000 undocumented individuals in Delaware have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 11,000 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 \$75 million annually to Delaware's economy**. They also contribute \$7 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,100 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 \$55 million to Delaware's economy each year**. Meanwhile, an estimated 6,000 immigrants in Delaware are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$106 million to Delaware'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 4,000 workers in Delaware's labor force, and paying an estimated \$19 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$4.5 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.3 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

7,000

Self-employed

20%

With college or advanced degrees

95%

Speak English

84%

Earn above the minimum needed to live