

Immigrants Make Hawaii Stronger



*An estimated **237,000** immigrants live in Hawaii, making up **17%** of the total population. Immigrants live in **28%** of households in Hawaii.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Hawaii's economy. Some 20% of Hawaii's labor force are immigrants, including 14% of the construction industry, 42% of agriculture, 20% of manufacturing, 18% of business services, and 28% of leisure and hospitality.

About 10,000 immigrants in Hawaii work in STEM-related jobs. 22% of STEM degree holders in Hawaii are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Hawaii's communities. Some 138,000 immigrants, or about 58% of all immigrants in Hawaii, are U.S. citizens. About 65,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 5,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 5% of individuals in Hawaii, or some 70,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 6,000 U.S. citizen children in Hawaii live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 18,000 undocumented individuals in Hawaii have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 10,000 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 10,000 and **contribute \$202 million annually to Hawaii's economy.** They also contribute \$34 million in state and local taxes each year.

An estimated 1,000 immigrants in Hawaii are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$22 million to Hawaii'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 1,000 workers in Hawaii's labor force.**

\$8.5 billion

Annual spending power

\$2.8 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

24,000

Self-employed

11%

With college or advanced degrees

98%

Speak English

91%

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.