

# Immigrants Make Idaho Stronger



*An estimated **132,000** immigrants live in Idaho, making up **7%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **10%** of households in Idaho.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of Idaho's economy.** Some 8% of Idaho's labor force are immigrants, including 8% of the construction industry, 43% of agriculture, 12% of manufacturing, 8% of business services, and 6% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 4,000 immigrants in Idaho work in STEM-related jobs.** In all, 7% of STEM degree holders in Idaho are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Idaho's communities.** Some 49,000 immigrants, or about 37% of all immigrants in Idaho, are U.S. citizens. About 31,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 7,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 4% of individuals in Idaho, or some 84,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 15,000 U.S. citizen children in Idaho live with an undocumented parent, while some 10,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 32,000 undocumented individuals in Idaho have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 26,000 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 17,000 and **contribute \$394 million annually to Idaho's economy.** They also contribute \$39 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,300 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

An estimated 6,000 immigrants in Idaho are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$79 million to Idaho'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 7,000 workers in Idaho's labor force, and paying an estimated \$18 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$4.0 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$1.0 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**8,000**

Self-employed

**6%**

With college or advanced degrees

**90%**

Speak English

**84%**

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](http://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](mailto:data@fwd.us).