Immigrants Make Maine Stronger

An estimated 58,000 immigrants live in Maine. Immigrants live in 7% of households in Maine.

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Maine's economy. Some 5% of Maine's labor force are immigrants, including 6% of manufacturing.

About 3,000 immigrants in Maine work in STEM-related jobs. In all, 6% of STEM degree holders in Maine are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Maine's communities. Some 24,000 immigrants, or about 41% of all immigrants in Maine, are U.S. citizens. About 24,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 4,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 12,000 of individuals are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 1,000 U.S. citizen children in Maine live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 3,000 undocumented individuals in Maine have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 1,000 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 2,000 and **contribute \$56 million annually to Maine's economy.** They also contribute \$7 million in state and local taxes each year.



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Annual spending power

\$700 million

Annual combined taxes paid

4,000 Self-employed

19%

With college or advanced degrees

99% Speak English

87% Earn above the minimum needed to live



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 <u>data@fwd.us</u>.