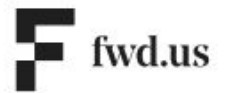


Immigrants Make Maryland Stronger



*An estimated **1,093,000** immigrants live in Maryland, making up **17%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **23%** of households in Maryland.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Maryland's economy. Some 20% of Maryland's labor force are immigrants, including 35% of the construction industry, 11% of agriculture, 22% of manufacturing, 22% of business services, and 24% of leisure and hospitality.

About 95,000 immigrants in Maryland work in STEM-related jobs, of which 13% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 31% of STEM degree holders in Maryland are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Maryland's communities. Some 514,000 immigrants, or about 47% of all immigrants in Maryland, are U.S. citizens. About 237,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 51,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 9% of individuals in Maryland, or some 583,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 110,000 U.S. citizen children in Maryland live with an undocumented parent, while some 22,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 136,000 undocumented individuals in Maryland have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 73,000 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 48,000 and **contribute \$1.2 billion annually to Maryland's economy.** They also contribute \$162 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 6,700 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 31,000 and **contribute \$910 million to Maryland's economy each year.** Meanwhile, an estimated 86,000 immigrants in Maryland are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$1.5 billion to Maryland'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 61,000 workers in Maryland's labor force, and paying an estimated \$334 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$41.6 billion

Annual spending power

\$14.9 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

93,000

Self-employed

23%

With college or advanced degrees

94%

Speak English

89%

Earn above the minimum needed to live

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