

# Immigrants Make Michigan Stronger

*An estimated **760,000** immigrants live in Michigan, making up **8%** of the total population.*

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

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Michigan's economy. Some 9% of Michigan's labor force are immigrants, including 9% of the construction industry, 14% of agriculture, 12% of manufacturing, 10% of business services, and 6% of leisure and hospitality.

About 74,000 immigrants in Michigan work in STEM-related jobs, of which 30% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 23% of STEM degree holders in Michigan are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Michigan's communities. Some 349,000 immigrants, or about 46% of all immigrants in Michigan, are U.S. citizens. About 193,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 78,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 273,000 individuals in Michigan, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 41,000 U.S. citizen children in Michigan live with an undocumented parent, while some 18,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 68,000 undocumented individuals in Michigan have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 40,000 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 30,000 and **contribute \$760 million annually to Michigan's economy.** They also contribute \$83 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 4,400 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 6,000 and **contribute \$288 million to Michigan's economy each year.** Meanwhile, an estimated 32,000 immigrants in Michigan are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$593 million to Michigan'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 35,000 workers in Michigan's labor force, and paying an estimated \$112 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$27.0 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$8.1 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**53,000**

Self-employed

**22%**

With college or advanced degrees

**92%**

Speak English

**84%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live