

Immigrants Make Minnesota Stronger



*An estimated **512,000** immigrants live in Minnesota, making up **9%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **12%** of households in Minnesota.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Minnesota's economy. Some 10% of Minnesota's labor force are immigrants, including 10% of the construction industry, 13% of agriculture, 16% of manufacturing, 12% of business services, and 8% of leisure and hospitality.

About 41,000 immigrants in Minnesota work in STEM-related jobs, of which 23% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 19% of STEM degree holders in Minnesota are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Minnesota's communities. Some 233,000 immigrants, or about 45% of all immigrants in Minnesota, are U.S. citizens. About 123,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 35,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 253,000 individuals in Minnesota, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 40,000 U.S. citizen children in Minnesota live with an undocumented parent, while some 12,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 61,000 undocumented individuals in Minnesota have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 34,000 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 29,000 and **contribute \$757 million annually to Minnesota's economy**. They also contribute \$91 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 4,300 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 \$106 million to Minnesota's economy each year**. Meanwhile, an estimated 22,000 immigrants in Minnesota are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$413 million to Minnesota'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 15,000 workers in Minnesota's labor force, and paying an estimated \$70 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$18.3 billion

Annual spending power

\$5.6 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

34,000

Self-employed

18%

With college or advanced degrees

95%

Speak English

85%

Earn above the minimum needed to live

FWD.us is a bipartisan political organization founded by leaders in technology and business communities that believe America's families, communities, and economy thrive when more individuals are able to achieve their full potential. To learn more, go to www.fwd.us.

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.