Immigrants Make Montana Stronger

An estimated 25,000 immigrants live in Montana.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Montana's communities. Some 13,000 immigrants, or about 54% of all immigrants in Montana, are U.S. citizens. About 6,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 1,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 7,000 individuals in Montana are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 1,000 U.S. citizen children in Montana 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 Montana 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 1,000 and **contribute \$20 million annually to Montana's economy.** They also contribute \$2 million in state and local taxes each year.

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 1,000 workers in Montana's labor force.

\$900 million

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Annual spending power

\$300 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

4,000 Self-employed

16% With college or advanced degrees

98% Speak English

95% 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). 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>.