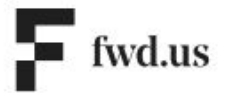


# Immigrants Make New Jersey Stronger



*An estimated **2,381,000** immigrants live in New Jersey, making up **25%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **34%** of households in New Jersey.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of New Jersey economy. Some 29% of Texas's labor force are immigrants, including 41% of the construction industry, 45% of agriculture, 38% of manufacturing, 33% of business services, and 28% of leisure and hospitality.

About 187,000 immigrants in New Jersey work in STEM-related jobs, of which 24% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 44% of STEM degree holders in New Jersey are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost New Jersey's communities. Some 1,122,000 immigrants, or about 47% of all immigrants in New Jersey, are U.S. citizens. About 472,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 164,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 12% of individuals in New Jersey, or some 1,144,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 163,000 U.S. citizen children in New Jersey live with an undocumented parent, while some 51,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 262,000 undocumented individuals in New Jersey have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 151,000 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 84,000 and contribute **\$2.2 billion annually to New Jersey's economy**. They also contribute \$317 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 13,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 39,000 and contribute **\$1 billion to New Jersey's economy each year**. Meanwhile, an estimated 174,000 immigrants in New Jersey are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$3.7 billion to New Jersey'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 130,000 workers in New Jersey's labor force, and paying an estimated \$668 million annually in state and local taxes.

**\$96.5 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$36.9 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**188,000**

Self-employed

**18%**

With college or advanced degrees

**89%**

Speak English

**89%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live

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