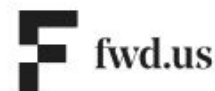


# Immigrants Make New Mexico Stronger



*An estimated **218,000** immigrants live in New Mexico, making up **10%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **15%** of households in New Mexico.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of New Mexico's economy. Some 12% of New Mexico's labor force are immigrants, including 23% of the construction industry, 25% of agriculture, 19% of manufacturing, 10% of business services, and 16% of leisure and hospitality.

About 10,000 immigrants in New Mexico work in STEM-related jobs, of which 15% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 12% of STEM degree holders in New Mexico are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost New Mexico's communities. Some 88,000 immigrants, or about 40% of all immigrants in New Mexico, are U.S. citizens. About 78,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 9,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 89,000 of individuals in New Mexico are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 19,000 U.S. citizen children in New Mexico live with an undocumented parent, while some 6,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 27,000 undocumented individuals in New Mexico have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 22,000 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 9,000 and **contribute \$219 million annually to New Mexico's economy**. They also contribute \$27 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 4,500 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 1,000 and **contribute \$27 million to New Mexico's economy each year**. Meanwhile, an estimated 5,000 immigrants in New Mexico are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$80 million to New Mexico'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 9,000 workers in New Mexico's labor force, and paying an estimated \$32 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$6.4 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$1.9 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**19,000**

Self-employed

**12%**

With college or advanced degrees

**87%**

Speak English

**83%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live

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