

Immigrants Make New York Stronger



*An estimated **4,610,000** immigrants live in New York, making up **23%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **32%** of households in New York.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of New York's economy. Some 27% of New York's labor force are immigrants, including 37% of the construction industry, 23% of agriculture, 23% of manufacturing, 26% of business services, and 29% of leisure and hospitality.

About 191,000 immigrants in New York work in STEM-related jobs, of which 20% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 32% of STEM degree holders in New York are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost New York's communities. Some 2,430,000 immigrants, or about 53% of all immigrants in New York, are U.S. citizens. About 1,243,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 222,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 8% of individuals in New York, or some 1,507,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 192,000 U.S. citizen children in New York live with an undocumented parent, while some 64,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 341,000 undocumented individuals in New York have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 196,000 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 116,000 and **contribute \$3.3 billion annually to New York's economy**. They also contribute \$582 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 21,300 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 87,000 and **contribute \$1.3 billion to New York's economy each year**. Meanwhile, an estimated 166,000 immigrants in New York are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$3.1 billion to New York'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 133,000 workers in New York's labor force, and paying an estimated \$924 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$164 billion

Annual spending power

\$69.0 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

387,000

Self-employed

15%

With college or advanced degrees

91%

Speak English

85%

Earn above the minimum needed to live

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