

Immigrants Make Ohio Stronger



*An estimated **662,000** immigrants live in Ohio, making up **6%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **7%** of households in Ohio.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Ohio's economy. Some 6% of Ohio's labor force are immigrants, including 7% of the construction industry, 18% of agriculture, 7% of manufacturing, 8% of business services, and 6% of leisure and hospitality.

About 51,000 immigrants in Ohio work in STEM-related jobs, of which 31% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 17% of STEM degree holders in Ohio are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Ohio's communities. Some 264,000 immigrants, or about 40% of all immigrants in Ohio, are U.S. citizens. About 154,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 67,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 308,000 of individuals in Ohio are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 48,000 U.S. citizen children in Ohio live with an undocumented parent, while some 11,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 60,000 undocumented individuals in Ohio have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 28,000 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 27,000 and **contribute \$549 million annually to Ohio's economy**. They also contribute \$68 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 3,500 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 19,000 and **contribute \$294 million to Ohio's economy each year**. Meanwhile, an estimated 54,000 immigrants in Ohio are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$673 million to Ohio'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 31,000 workers in Ohio's labor force, and paying an estimated \$151 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$22.9 billion

Annual spending power

\$7.2 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

50,000

Self-employed

22%

With college or advanced degrees

92%

Speak English

79%

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 data@fwd.us.