

# Immigrants Make Pennsylvania Stronger



*An estimated **1,096,000** immigrants live in Pennsylvania, making up **8%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **11%** of households in Pennsylvania.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Pennsylvania's economy. Some 9% of Pennsylvania's labor force are immigrants, including 10% of the construction industry, 28% of agriculture, 10% of manufacturing, 12% of business services, and 8% of leisure and hospitality.

About 87,000 immigrants in Pennsylvania work in STEM-related jobs, of which 28% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 20% of STEM degree holders in Pennsylvania are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Pennsylvania's communities. Some 482,000 immigrants, or about 44% of all immigrants in Pennsylvania, are U.S. citizens. About 275,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 89,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 463,000 individuals in Pennsylvania are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 58,000 U.S. citizen children in Pennsylvania live with an undocumented parent, while some 21,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 100,000 undocumented individuals in Pennsylvania have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 58,000 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 43,000 and **contribute \$859 million annually to Pennsylvania's economy**. They also contribute \$118 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 3,900 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 17,000 and **contribute \$179 million to Pennsylvania's economy each year**. Meanwhile, an estimated 58,000 immigrants in Pennsylvania are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$1.2 billion to Pennsylvania'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 34,000 workers in Pennsylvania's labor force, and paying an estimated \$224 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$39.5 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$13.1 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**82,000**

Self-employed

**21%**

With college or advanced degrees

**91%**

Speak English

**82%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live

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