

Prices will rise in Houston metro as new immigration policies impact crucial sectors of Houston’s labor force

Nationwide, American families are expected to see a **\$2,150 annual increase** to the combined everyday goods and services they purchase under new immigration policies expected from the Trump administration.

This will mean a **14.5% increase on food, 6.1% on housing, and a 3.9% increase to leisure and hospitality services** by the end of 2028.

New policies that will most significantly, and unnecessarily, raise the costs of goods and services include:

- Cancellation of work permits for millions of individuals with a temporary status, like people with Temporary Protected Status (TPS) who are unable to return to their countries, paroled immigrants from Afghanistan and Ukraine, and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), among others.
- Mass deportations of millions of immigrants without legal status.
- Significant reductions in new, lawful immigration in the years ahead.

In Houston metro, this would lead to thousands of removed workers from agriculture, construction, and leisure and hospitality industries.

Estimated number of impacted workers, by industry

Industry	Expiration of work permits for temporarily protected workers	Deportation of 1 million immigrants without legal status each year	Reduction of future legal immigration by half
Agriculture-Food	6,500	2,700	100
Construction-Housing	29,000	28,300	9,200
Leisure-Hospitality	7,000	4,400	6,200
Other industries	105,500	75,300	52,200
All industries	148,000	110,700	67,700

Note: Estimates rounded to thousands.
Source: FWD.us immigrant status assignments from 2023 American Community Survey, projected to Sept 30, 2024.

Under these immigration policies, **Houston metro’s economy could lose up to \$3.9 billion annually**, in addition to an estimated millions in foregone state and local taxes contributed by these workers each year.

Business leaders, immigrant advocates, workers, and Americans need to tell Congress and the Trump administration that they can’t take this additional hit to their wallets.

More information and research methodology can be found at fwd.us/prices