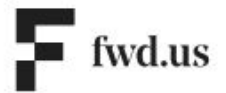


# Immigrants Make Atlanta Stronger



*An estimated **1,051,000** immigrants live in the Atlanta metro area, making up **16%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **23%** of households in Atlanta.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Atlanta's economy. Some 19% of Atlanta's labor force are immigrants, including 38% of the construction industry, 49% of agriculture, 23% of manufacturing, 22% of business services, and 18% of leisure and hospitality.

About 89,000 immigrants in Atlanta work in STEM-related jobs, of which 25% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 30% of STEM degree holders in Atlanta are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Atlanta's communities. Some 458,000 immigrants, or about 44% of all immigrants in Atlanta, are U.S. citizens. About 207,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 73,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 9% of individuals in Atlanta, or some 588,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 112,000 U.S. citizen children in Atlanta live with an undocumented parent, while some 20,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 174,000 undocumented individuals in Atlanta have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 108,000 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 59,000 and **contribute \$1.4 billion annually to Atlanta's economy.** They also contribute \$164 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 12,400 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 20,000. Meanwhile, an estimated 68,000 immigrants in Atlanta are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$1.4 billion to Atlanta'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 54,000 workers in Atlanta's labor force, and paying an estimated \$263 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$39.2 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$12.6 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**120,000**

Self-employed

**41%**

With college or advanced degrees

**90%**

Speak English

**89%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live

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