

Immigrants Make Tucson Stronger

*An estimated **131,000** immigrants live in Tucson metro area, making up **12%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **21%** of households in Tucson.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Tucson's economy. Some 14% of Tucson's labor force are immigrants, including 27% of the construction industry, 15% of manufacturing, 17% of business services, and 13% of leisure and hospitality.

About 6,000 immigrants in Tucson work in STEM-related jobs, of which 25% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 20% of STEM degree holders in Tucson are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Tucson's communities. Some 64,000 immigrants, or about 49% of all immigrants in Tucson, are U.S. citizens. About 29,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 7,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 6% of individuals in Tucson, or some 67,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 15,000 U.S. citizen children in Tucson live with an undocumented parent, while some 5,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 18,000 undocumented individuals in Tucson have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 14,000 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 7,000 and contribute \$151 million annually to Tucson's economy. They also contribute \$18 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,500 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

An estimated 3,000 immigrants in Tucson are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$69 million to Tucson'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 5,000 workers in Tucson's labor force, and paying an estimated \$22 million annually in state and local taxes.

\$4.2 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.2 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

16,000

Self-employed

32%

With college or advanced degrees

94%

Speak English

82%

Earn above the minimum needed to live