

Immigrants Are Major Contributors to the U.S. Construction Industry

*An estimated **3.6 million** immigrants work in the construction industry nationwide, making up **26%** of nation's construction workforce.*

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost the U.S. construction industry. Some 951,000 immigrants, or about 26% of all immigrants in the construction industry, are U.S. citizens. About 837,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 65,000 are temporary immigrants on a nonimmigrant visa.

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 192,000 workers in the U.S. construction industry. Some 59,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 89,000 workers in the U.S. construction industry. Meanwhile, an estimated 309,000 immigrants working in the U.S. construction industry are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim.

Immigrant groups protected from deportation—DACA recipients, TPS holders, people seeking asylum, and those waiting for a permanent residency visa—**have access to work permits, making up an estimated 582,000 construction workers in the U.S.**

\$650 billion

Annual gross output in construction from immigrant workers

\$36 billion

Annual combined taxes paid by immigrant construction workers

869,000

Self-employed immigrant construction workers

Without immigrants, as many as 400,000 fewer housing units would have been completed in 2024 in the U.S. Immigrants are essential to the growth of the U.S. construction industry.