

# Immigrants Make Alabama Stronger

*An estimated **245,000** immigrants live in Alabama, making up **5%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **6%** of households in Alabama.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of Alabama's economy.**

Some 6% of Alabama's labor force are immigrants, including 14% of the construction industry, 10% of agriculture, 7% of manufacturing, 7% of business services, and 6% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 15,000 immigrants in Alabama work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 23% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 12% of STEM degree holders in Alabama are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Alabama's communities.** Some 75,000 immigrants, or about 31% of all immigrants in Alabama, are U.S. citizens. About 41,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 21,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**Some 222,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 57,000 U.S. citizen children in Alabama live with an undocumented parent, while some 10,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 52,000 undocumented individuals in Alabama have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 27,000 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 20,000 and **contribute \$513 million annually to Alabama's economy.** They also contribute \$64 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 3,600 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 7,000 and **contributed \$105 million to Alabama's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 20,000 immigrants in Alabama are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$501 million to Alabama'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 20,000 workers in Alabama's labor force, and paying an estimated \$103 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$8.4 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$2.5 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**25,000**

Self-employed

**36%**

With college or advanced degrees

**92%**

Speak English

**84%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live