

# Immigrants Make Albuquerque Metro Stronger



*An estimated **114,000** immigrants live in Albuquerque, making up **12%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **16%** of households in Albuquerque.*

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

Some 14% of Albuquerque's labor force are immigrants, including 27% of the construction industry, 17% of agriculture, 20% of manufacturing, 13% of business services, and 16% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 7,000 immigrants in Albuquerque work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 20% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 16% of STEM degree holders in Albuquerque are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Albuquerque's communities.** Some 39,000 immigrants, or about 34% of all immigrants in Albuquerque, are U.S. citizens. About 29,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 5,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 9% of individuals in Albuquerque, or some 84,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 17,000 U.S. citizen children in Albuquerque live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 20,000 undocumented individuals in Albuquerque have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 15,000 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 8,000 and **contribute \$199 million annually to Albuquerque's economy.** They also contribute \$27 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 6,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 3,000 and **contributed \$101 million to Albuquerque's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 8,000 immigrants in Albuquerque are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$291 million to Albuquerque'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 8,000 workers in Albuquerque's labor force, and paying an estimated \$66 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$3.5 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$1.1 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**9,000**

Self-employed

**27%**

With college or advanced degrees

**85%**

Speak English

**79%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live