

Immigrants Make Atlanta Metro Stronger

*An estimated **1,134,000** immigrants live in Atlanta, making up **17%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **22%** of households in Atlanta.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Atlanta's economy.

Some 21% of Atlanta's labor force are immigrants, including 38% of the construction industry, 33% of agriculture, 26% of manufacturing, 23% of business services, and 19% of leisure and hospitality.

About 91,000 immigrants in Atlanta work in STEM-related jobs, of which 24% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 32% of STEM degree holders in Atlanta are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Atlanta's communities. Some 471,000 immigrants, or about 42% of all immigrants in Atlanta, are U.S. citizens. About 173,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 84,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 12% of individuals in Atlanta, or some 752,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 135,000 U.S. citizen children in Atlanta live with an undocumented parent, while some 25,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 168,000 undocumented individuals in Atlanta have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 94,000 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 66,000 and **contribute \$1.9 billion annually to Atlanta's economy.** They also contribute \$240 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 10,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 39,000 and **contributed \$719 million to Atlanta's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 138,000 immigrants in Atlanta are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$3.7 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 113,000 workers in Atlanta's labor force, and paying an estimated \$555 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$44.8 billion

Annual spending power

\$15.5 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

120,000

Self-employed

40%

With college or advanced degrees

90%

Speak English

88%

Earn above the minimum needed to live