

Immigrants Make Austin Metro Stronger

*An estimated **516,000** immigrants live in Austin, making up **20%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **26%** of households in Austin.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Austin's economy.

Some 24% of Austin's labor force are immigrants, including 36% of the construction industry, 18% of agriculture, 27% of manufacturing, 28% of business services, and 24% of leisure and hospitality.

About 77,000 immigrants in Austin work in STEM-related jobs, of which 39% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 38% of STEM degree holders in Austin are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Austin's communities. Some 176,000 immigrants, or about 34% of all immigrants in Austin, are U.S. citizens. About 96,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 78,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 12% of individuals in Austin, or some 307,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 52,000 U.S. citizen children in Austin live with an undocumented parent, while some 15,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 67,000 undocumented individuals in Austin have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 31,000 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 22,000 and **contribute \$880 million annually to Austin's economy.** They also contribute \$107 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 4,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 10,000 and **contributed \$257 million to Austin's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 49,000 immigrants in Austin are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$1.7 billion to Austin'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 43,000 workers in Austin's labor force, and paying an estimated \$261 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$25.9 billion

Annual spending power

\$9.1 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

42,000

Self-employed

48%

With college or advanced degrees

88%

Speak English

91%

Earn above the minimum needed to live