

Immigrants Make Birmingham Metro Stronger



*An estimated **63,000** immigrants live in Birmingham, making up **5%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **7%** of households in Birmingham.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Birmingham's economy.

Some 7% of Birmingham's labor force are immigrants, including 22% of the construction industry, 37% of agriculture, 5% of manufacturing, 7% of business services, and 10% of leisure and hospitality.

About 3,000 immigrants in Birmingham work in STEM-related jobs, of which 8% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 12% of STEM degree holders in Birmingham are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Birmingham's communities. Some 17,000 immigrants, or about 27% of all immigrants in Birmingham, are U.S. citizens. About 11,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 4,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 6% of individuals in Birmingham, or some 64,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 18,000 U.S. citizen children in Birmingham live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 14,000 undocumented individuals in Birmingham have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 7,000 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 4,000 and **contribute \$124 million annually to Birmingham's economy.** They also contribute \$15 million in state and local taxes each year.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 1,000 and **contributed \$9 million to Birmingham's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 5,000 immigrants in Birmingham are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$133 million to Birmingham'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 6,000 workers in Birmingham's labor force, and paying an estimated \$27 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$1.9 billion

Annual spending power

\$526 million

Annual combined taxes paid

8,000

Self-employed

33%

With college or advanced degrees

87%

Speak English

85%

Earn above the minimum needed to live