

# Immigrants Make Boise City Metro Stronger

*An estimated 77,000 immigrants live in Boise City, making up 9% of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in 11% of households in Boise City.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of Boise City's economy.**

Some 11% of Boise City's labor force are immigrants, including 22% of the construction industry, 43% of agriculture, 17% of manufacturing, 7% of business services, and 9% of leisure and hospitality.

**\$2.7 billion**

Annual spending power

**About 5,000 immigrants in Boise City work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 33% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 15% of STEM degree holders in Boise City are immigrants.

**\$802 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Boise City's communities.** Some 30,000 immigrants, or about 39% of all immigrants in Boise City, are U.S. citizens. About 17,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 4,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**6,000**

Self-employed

**An estimated 6% of individuals in Boise City, or some 51,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 13,000 U.S. citizen children in Boise City live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 15,000 undocumented individuals in Boise City have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 11,000 of those living in the U.S. for more than 20 years.

**25%**

With college or advanced degrees

**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 6,000 and **contribute \$156 million annually to Boise City's economy.** They also contribute \$17 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 3,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**93%**

Speak English

**An estimated 4,000 immigrants in Boise City are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim**, contributing \$37 million to Boise City'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 5,000 workers in Boise City's labor force, and paying an estimated \$15 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**81%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live