

Immigrants Make Buffalo Metro Stronger

*An estimated **93,000** immigrants live in Buffalo, making up **8%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **10%** of households in Buffalo.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Buffalo's economy.

Some 9% of Buffalo's labor force are immigrants, including 7% of the construction industry, 34% of agriculture, 10% of manufacturing, 9% of business services, and 7% of leisure and hospitality.

About **6,000** immigrants in Buffalo work in STEM-related jobs, of which 21% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 18% of STEM degree holders in Buffalo are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Buffalo's communities. Some 51,000 immigrants, or about 54% of all immigrants in Buffalo, are U.S. citizens. About 24,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 5,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

Some **30,000**, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 3,000 U.S. citizen children in Buffalo live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 5,000 undocumented individuals in Buffalo have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 3,000 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 3,000 and contribute **\$80 million annually to Buffalo's economy**. They also contribute \$12 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

An estimated **3,000** immigrants in Buffalo are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, contributing \$63 million to Buffalo'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 **2,000** workers in Buffalo's labor force, and paying an estimated **\$14 million annually in state and local taxes**.

\$3.0 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.2 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

5,000

Self-employed

39%

With college or advanced degrees

96%

Speak English

75%

Earn above the minimum needed to live