

# Immigrants Are Major Contributors to California's Construction Industry

*An estimated **663,000** immigrants work in California's construction industry, making up **43%** of California's construction workforce.*

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost California's construction industry.** Some 199,000 immigrants, or about 30% of all immigrants in California's construction industry, are U.S. citizens. About 218,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 7,000 are temporary immigrants on a nonimmigrant visa.

**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 36,000 workers in California's construction industry. Some 12,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 7,000 workers in California's construction industry. Meanwhile, an estimated 37,000 immigrants working in California's construction industry are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim.

**Immigrant groups protected from deportation**—DACA recipients, TPS holders, people seeking asylum, and those waiting for a permanent residency visa—**have access to work permits, making up an estimated 69,000 construction industry workers in California.**

**\$26.7 billion**

Annual combined income from immigrant construction industry workers

**\$8.4 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid by immigrant construction industry workers

**186,000**

Self-employed immigrant construction industry workers