

Immigrants Are Major Contributors to California's Leisure and Hospitality Industry

*An estimated **812,000** immigrants work in California's leisure and hospitality industry, making up **33%** of California's leisure and hospitality workforce.*

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost California's leisure and hospitality industry. Some 283,000 immigrants, or about 35% of all immigrants in California's leisure and hospitality industry, are U.S. citizens. About 260,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 25,000 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 47,000 workers in California's leisure and hospitality industry. Some 14,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 6,000 workers in California's leisure and hospitality industry. Meanwhile, an estimated 36,000 immigrants working in California's leisure and hospitality 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 58,000 leisure and hospitality industry workers in California.**

\$24 billion

Annual combined income from immigrant leisure and hospitality industry workers

\$8 billion

Annual combined taxes paid by immigrant leisure and hospitality industry workers

88,000

Self-employed immigrant leisure and hospitality industry workers