

Immigrants Are Major Contributors to California's Wholesale and Retail Industry

*An estimated **907,000** immigrants work in California's wholesale and retail industry, making up **31%** of California's wholesale and retail workforce.*

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost California's wholesale and retail industry. Some 430,000 immigrants, or about 47% of all immigrants in California's wholesale and retail industry, are U.S. citizens. About 238,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 28,000 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 50,000 workers in California's wholesale and retail industry. Some 19,000 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 wholesale and retail industry. Meanwhile, an estimated 34,000 immigrants working in California's wholesale and retail 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 67,000 wholesale and retail industry workers in California.**

\$35 billion

Annual combined income from immigrant wholesale and retail industry workers

\$13 billion

Annual combined taxes paid by immigrant wholesale and retail industry workers

114,000

Self-employed immigrant wholesale and retail industry workers