

Prices will rise in Cape Coral-Ft. Myers metro as new immigration policies impact crucial sectors of Cape Coral-Ft. Myers's labor force

Nationwide, American families are expected to see a **\$2,150 annual increase** to the combined everyday goods and services they purchase under new immigration policies expected from the Trump administration.

This will mean a **14.5% increase on food, 6.1% on housing, and a 3.9% increase to leisure and hospitality services** by the end of 2028.

New policies that will most significantly, and unnecessarily, raise the costs of goods and services include:

- Cancellation of work permits for millions of individuals with a temporary status, like people with Temporary Protected Status (TPS) who are unable to return to their countries, paroled immigrants from Afghanistan and Ukraine, and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), among others.
- Mass deportations of millions of immigrants without legal status.
- Significant reductions in new, lawful immigration in the years ahead.

In Cape Coral-Ft. Myers metro, this would lead to thousands of removed workers from construction and leisure and hospitality industries.

Estimated number of impacted workers, by industry

Industry	Expiration of work permits for temporarily protected workers	Deportation of 1 million immigrants without legal status each year	Reduction of future legal immigration by half
Construction-Housing	9,200	4,500	800
Leisure-Hospitality	1,200	600	600
Other industries	15,100	7,000	3,900
All industries	25,500	12,100	5,300

Note: Estimates rounded to thousands.

Source: FWD.us immigrant status assignments from augmented 2024 American Community Survey data.

Under these immigration policies, **Cape Coral-Ft. Myers metro's economy could lose up to \$1 billion annually**, in addition to an estimated millions in foregone state and local taxes contributed by these workers each year.

Business leaders, immigrant advocates, workers, and Americans need to tell Congress and the Trump administration that they can't take this additional hit to their wallets.

More information and research methodology can be found at fwd.us/prices