

Immigrants Make Cincinnati Metro Stronger

*An estimated **156,000** immigrants live in Cincinnati, making up **7%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **9%** of households in Cincinnati.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Cincinnati's economy.

Some 8% of Cincinnati's labor force are immigrants, including 9% of the construction industry, 59% of agriculture, 10% of manufacturing, 9% of business services, and 8% of leisure and hospitality.

About 13,000 immigrants in Cincinnati work in STEM-related jobs, of which 33% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 20% of STEM degree holders in Cincinnati are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Cincinnati's communities. Some 61,000 immigrants, or about 39% of all immigrants in Cincinnati, are U.S. citizens. About 19,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 13,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 5% of individuals in Cincinnati, or some 110,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 23,000 U.S. citizen children in Cincinnati live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 21,000 undocumented individuals in Cincinnati have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 10,000 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 7,000 and **contribute \$162 million annually to Cincinnati's economy.** They also contribute \$21 million in state and local taxes each year.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 5,000 and **contributed \$38 million to Cincinnati's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 21,000 immigrants in Cincinnati are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$467 million to Cincinnati'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 12,000 workers in Cincinnati's labor force, and paying an estimated \$71 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$6.2 billion

Annual spending power

\$2.1 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

11,000

Self-employed

45%

With college or advanced degrees

91%

Speak English

80%

Earn above the minimum needed to live