

# Immigrants Make Cleveland Metro Stronger

*An estimated **138,000** immigrants live in Cleveland, making up **7%** of the total population.*

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

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of Cleveland's economy.**

Some 8% of Cleveland's labor force are immigrants, including 7% of the construction industry, 19% of agriculture, 10% of manufacturing, 9% of business services, and 8% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 11,000 immigrants in Cleveland 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 Cleveland are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Cleveland's communities.** Some 73,000 immigrants, or about 53% of all immigrants in Cleveland, are U.S. citizens. About 24,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 10,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**Some 53,000 are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 7,000 U.S. citizen children in Cleveland live with an undocumented parent, while some 5,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 6,000 undocumented individuals in Cleveland have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 2,000 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 5,000 and **contribute \$168 million annually to Cleveland's economy.** They also contribute \$22 million in state and local taxes each year.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 7,000 and **contributed \$164 million to Cleveland's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 7,000 immigrants in Cleveland are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$186 million to Cleveland'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 7,000 workers in Cleveland's labor force, and paying an estimated \$46 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$5.7 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$2.0 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**10,000**

Self-employed

**44%**

With college or advanced degrees

**94%**

Speak English

**90%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live