

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

*An estimated **55,000** immigrants work in Colorado's leisure and hospitality industry, making up **14%** of Colorado's leisure and hospitality workforce.*

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Colorado's leisure and hospitality industry. Some 15,000 immigrants, or about 27% of all immigrants in Colorado's leisure and hospitality industry, are U.S. citizens. About 14,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 3,000 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 3,000 workers in Colorado's leisure and hospitality industry.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 1,000 workers in Colorado's leisure and hospitality industry. Meanwhile, an estimated 5,000 immigrants working in Colorado'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 7,000 leisure and hospitality industry workers in Colorado.**

\$1.6 billion

Annual combined income from immigrant leisure and hospitality industry workers

\$0.4 billion

Annual combined taxes paid by immigrant leisure and hospitality industry workers

4,000

Self-employed immigrant leisure and hospitality industry workers