

Immigrants Make Dallas-Fort Worth Metro Stronger

*An estimated **1,850,000** immigrants live in Dallas-Fort Worth, making up **22%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **29%** of households in Dallas-Fort Worth.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Dallas-Fort Worth's economy.

Some 27% of Dallas-Fort Worth's labor force are immigrants, including 45% of the construction industry, 33% of agriculture, 32% of manufacturing, 28% of business services, and 26% of leisure and hospitality.

About 167,000 immigrants in Dallas-Fort Worth work in STEM-related jobs, of which 35% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 40% of STEM degree holders in Dallas-Fort Worth are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Dallas-Fort Worth's communities.

Some 675,000 immigrants, or about 36% of all immigrants in Dallas-Fort Worth, are U.S. citizens. About 300,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 156,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 16% of individuals in Dallas-Fort Worth, or some 1,386,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 289,000 U.S. citizen children in Dallas-Fort Worth live with an undocumented parent, while some 50,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 322,000 undocumented individuals in Dallas-Fort Worth have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 205,000 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 110,000 and **contribute \$3.1 billion annually to Dallas-Fort Worth's economy.**

They also contribute \$384 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 33,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 61,000 and **contributed \$1.4 billion to Dallas-Fort Worth's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 164,000 immigrants in Dallas-Fort Worth are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim,

and contribute \$4.1 billion to Dallas-Fort Worth'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 156,000 workers in Dallas-Fort Worth's labor force, and paying an estimated \$819 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$71.0 billion

Annual spending power

\$23.1 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

173,000

Self-employed

37%

With college or advanced degrees

87%

Speak English

87%

Earn above the minimum needed to live