

Immigrants Make Denver Metro Stronger

*An estimated **494,000** immigrants live in Denver, making up **16%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **19%** of households in Denver.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Denver's economy.

Some 18% of Denver's labor force are immigrants, including 30% of the construction industry, 16% of agriculture, 15% of manufacturing, 15% of business services, and 17% of leisure and hospitality.

About 34,000 immigrants in Denver work in STEM-related jobs, of which 22% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 18% of STEM degree holders in Denver are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Denver's communities. Some 178,000 immigrants, or about 36% of all immigrants in Denver, are U.S. citizens. About 98,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 33,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 10% of individuals in Denver, or some 325,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 54,000 U.S. citizen children in Denver live with an undocumented parent, while some 15,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 71,000 undocumented individuals in Denver have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 43,000 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 26,000 and **contribute \$750 million annually to Denver's economy.** They also contribute \$87 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 7,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 26,000 and **contributed \$415 million to Denver's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 62,000 immigrants in Denver are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$1.3 billion to Denver'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 48,000 workers in Denver's labor force, and paying an estimated \$218 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$19.9 billion

Annual spending power

\$6.7 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

43,000

Self-employed

36%

With college or advanced degrees

91%

Speak English

83%

Earn above the minimum needed to live