

Immigrants Make Detroit Metro Stronger

*An estimated **546,000** immigrants live in Detroit, making up **12%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **15%** of households in Detroit.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Detroit's economy.

Some 14% of Detroit's labor force are immigrants, including 16% of the construction industry, 7% of agriculture, 17% of manufacturing, 13% of business services, and 13% of leisure and hospitality.

About 61,000 immigrants in Detroit work in STEM-related jobs, of which 31% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 33% of STEM degree holders in Detroit are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Detroit's communities. Some 261,000 immigrants, or about 48% of all immigrants in Detroit, are U.S. citizens. About 125,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 51,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 5% of individuals in Detroit, or some 211,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 33,000 U.S. citizen children in Detroit live with an undocumented parent, while some 9,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 41,000 undocumented individuals in Detroit have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 22,000 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 16,000 and **contribute \$418 million annually to Detroit's economy.** They also contribute \$50 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 23,000 and **contributed \$284 million to Detroit's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 40,000 immigrants in Detroit are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$1.2 billion to Detroit'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 25,000 workers in Detroit's labor force, and paying an estimated \$166 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$21.3 billion

Annual spending power

\$7.3 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

48,000

Self-employed

44%

With college or advanced degrees

92%

Speak English

80%

Earn above the minimum needed to live