

# Immigrants Are Major Contributors to Florida's Construction Industry

*An estimated **490,000** immigrants work in Florida's construction industry, making up **42%** of Florida's construction workforce.*

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Florida's construction industry.** Some 145,000 immigrants, or about 30% of all immigrants in Florida's construction industry, are U.S. citizens. About 73,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 12,000 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 19,000 workers in Florida's construction industry. Some 3,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 34,000 workers in Florida's construction industry. Meanwhile, an estimated 101,000 immigrants working in Florida's construction 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 128,000 construction industry workers in Florida.**

**\$18 billion**

Annual combined income from immigrant construction industry workers

**\$4 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid by immigrant construction industry workers

**154,000**

Self-employed immigrant construction industry workers