

# Immigrants Are Major Contributors to Florida's Leisure and Hospitality industry

*An estimated **478,000** immigrants work in Florida's leisure and hospitality industry, making up **29%** of Florida's leisure and hospitality workforce.*

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Florida's leisure and hospitality industry.** Some 162,000 immigrants, or about 34% of all immigrants in Florida's leisure and hospitality industry, are U.S. citizens. About 59,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 37,000 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 26,000 workers in Florida's leisure and hospitality 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 50,000 workers in Florida's leisure and hospitality industry. Meanwhile, an estimated 106,000 immigrants working in Florida'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 137,000 leisure and hospitality industry workers in Florida.**

**\$14 billion**

Annual combined income from immigrant leisure and hospitality industry workers

**\$4 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid by immigrant leisure and hospitality industry workers

**48,000**

Self-employed immigrant leisure and hospitality industry workers