

Immigrants Make Florida Stronger

*An estimated **6,180,000** immigrants live in Florida, making up **26%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **30%** of households in Florida.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Florida's economy.

Some 31% of Florida's labor force are immigrants, including 42% of the construction industry, 63% of agriculture, 32% of manufacturing, 32% of business services, and 29% of leisure and hospitality.

About 214,000 immigrants in Florida work in STEM-related jobs, of which 17% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 38% of STEM degree holders in Florida are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Florida's communities. Some 2,830,000 immigrants, or about 46% of all immigrants in Florida, are U.S. citizens. About 963,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 279,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 15% of individuals in Florida, or some 3,525,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 389,000 U.S. citizen children in Florida live with an undocumented parent, while some 152,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 499,000 undocumented individuals in Florida have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 276,000 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 216,000 and **contribute \$5.8 billion annually to Florida's economy.** They also contribute \$698 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 21,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 375,000 and **contributed \$7.6 billion to Florida's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 955,000 immigrants in Florida are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$20.9 billion to Florida'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 741,000 workers in Florida's labor force, and paying an estimated \$3.2 billion annually in state and local taxes.**

\$207 billion

Annual spending power

\$61 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

741,000

Self-employed

33%

With college or advanced degrees

86%

Speak English

86%

Earn above the minimum needed to live