

# Immigrants Make Fresno Metro Stronger

*An estimated **254,000** immigrants live in Fresno, making up **24%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **36%** of households in Fresno.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of Fresno's economy.**

Some 31% of Fresno's labor force are immigrants, including 25% of the construction industry, 80% of agriculture, 44% of manufacturing, 31% of business services, and 26% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 6,000 immigrants in Fresno work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 14% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 33% of STEM degree holders in Fresno are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Fresno's communities.**

Some 97,000 immigrants, or about 38% of all immigrants in Fresno, are U.S. citizens. About 99,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 6,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 12% of individuals in Fresno, or some 124,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.**

Some 24,000 U.S. citizen children in Fresno live with an undocumented parent, while some 6,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 40,000 undocumented individuals in Fresno have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 30,000 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 9,000 and **contribute \$278 million annually to Fresno's economy**. They also contribute \$37 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 3,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**An estimated 4,000 immigrants in Fresno are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim**, contributing \$74 million to Fresno'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 8,000 workers in Fresno's labor force, and paying an estimated \$32 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$6.9 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$2.2 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**19,000**

Self-employed

**15%**

With college or advanced degrees

**76%**

Speak English

**83%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live