

# Immigrants Are Major Contributors to Georgia's Construction Industry

*An estimated **145,000** immigrants work in Georgia's construction industry, making up **30%** of Georgia's construction workforce.*

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Georgia's construction industry.** Some 27,000 immigrants, or about 19% of all immigrants in Georgia's construction industry, are U.S. citizens. About 12,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 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 9,000 workers in Georgia'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 7,000 workers in Georgia's construction industry. Meanwhile, an estimated 30,000 immigrants working in Georgia'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 40,000 construction industry workers in Georgia.**

**\$5.4 billion**

Annual combined income from immigrant construction industry workers

**\$1.4 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid by immigrant construction industry workers

**33,000**

Self-employed immigrant construction industry workers