

Immigrants Are Major Contributors to Georgia's Wholesale and Retail Industry

*An estimated **131,000** immigrants work in Georgia's wholesale and retail industry, making up **14%** of Georgia's wholesale and retail workforce.*

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Georgia's wholesale and retail industry. Some 60,000 immigrants, or about 46% of all immigrants in Georgia's wholesale and retail industry, are U.S. citizens. About 17,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 7,000 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 10,000 workers in Georgia's wholesale and retail industry. Some 2,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 6,000 workers in Georgia's wholesale and retail industry. Meanwhile, an estimated 11,000 immigrants working in Georgia's wholesale and retail 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 16,000 wholesale and retail industry workers in Georgia.**

\$5.0 billion

Annual combined income from immigrant wholesale and retail industry workers

\$1.6 billion

Annual combined taxes paid by immigrant wholesale and retail industry workers

14,000

Self-employed immigrant wholesale and retail industry workers