

# Immigrants Make Georgia Stronger

*An estimated **1,466,000** immigrants live in Georgia, making up **13%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **16%** of households in Georgia.*

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

Some 17% of Georgia's labor force are immigrants, including 30% of the construction industry, 28% of agriculture, 20% of manufacturing, 20% of business services, and 15% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 102,000 immigrants in Georgia work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 23% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 27% of STEM degree holders in Georgia are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Georgia's communities.** Some 577,000 immigrants, or about 39% of all immigrants in Georgia, are U.S. citizens. About 234,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 103,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 9% of individuals in Georgia, or some 1,034,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 199,000 U.S. citizen children in Georgia live with an undocumented parent, while some 38,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 242,000 undocumented individuals in Georgia have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 140,000 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 91,000 and **contribute \$2.5 billion annually to Georgia's economy.** They also contribute \$312 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 17,500 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 47,000 and **contributed \$939 million to Georgia's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 164,000 immigrants in Georgia are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$4.2 billion to Georgia'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 138,000 workers in Georgia's labor force, and paying an estimated \$673 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$55.2 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$18.6 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**146,000**

Self-employed

**37%**

With college or advanced degrees

**89%**

Speak English

**87%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live