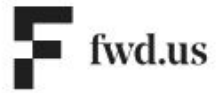


Immigrants Make Grand Rapids Metro Stronger



*An estimated **81,000** immigrants live in Grand Rapids, making up **8%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **11%** of households in Grand Rapids.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Grand Rapids' economy.

Some 11% of Grand Rapids' labor force are immigrants, including 10% of the construction industry, 48% of agriculture, and 23% of manufacturing.

About 6,000 immigrants in Grand Rapids work in STEM-related jobs, of which 18% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 18% of STEM degree holders in Grand Rapids are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Grand Rapids' communities.

Some 33,000 immigrants, or about 40% of all immigrants in Grand Rapids, are U.S. citizens. About 20,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 3,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 6% of individuals in Grand Rapids, or some 58,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 14,000 U.S. citizen children in Grand Rapids live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 18,000 undocumented individuals in Grand Rapids have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 12,000 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 7,000 and **contribute \$214 million annually to Grand Rapids' economy**. They also contribute \$25 million in state and local taxes each year. 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—numbered 1,000 and **contributed \$53 million to Grand Rapids' economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 4,000 immigrants in Grand Rapids are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$140 million to Grand Rapids' 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 7,000 workers in Grand Rapids' labor force, and paying an estimated \$35 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$3.0 billion

Annual spending power

\$909 million

Annual combined taxes paid

6,000

Self-employed

29%

With college or advanced degrees

91%

Speak English

90%

Earn above the minimum needed to live