

Immigrants Make Greensboro Metro Stronger



*An estimated **87,000** immigrants live in Greensboro, making up **11%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **13%** of households in Greensboro.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Greensboro's economy.

Some 13% of Greensboro's labor force are immigrants, including 21% of the construction industry, 28% of agriculture, 17% of manufacturing, 17% of business services, and 15% of leisure and hospitality.

About 5,000 immigrants in Greensboro work in STEM-related jobs, of which 28% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 29% of STEM degree holders in Greensboro are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Greensboro's communities.

Some 31,000 immigrants, or about 36% of all immigrants in Greensboro, are U.S. citizens. About 21,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 7,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 8% of individuals in Greensboro, or some 65,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 18,000 U.S. citizen children in Greensboro live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 16,000 undocumented individuals in Greensboro have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 9,000 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 5,000 and **contribute \$126 million annually to Greensboro's economy.** They also contribute \$16 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 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 \$33 million to Greensboro's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 7,000 immigrants in Greensboro are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$214 million to Greensboro'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 5,000 workers in Greensboro's labor force, and paying an estimated \$32 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$3.1 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.0 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

6,000

Self-employed

32%

With college or advanced degrees

91%

Speak English

81%

Earn above the minimum needed to live