

Immigrants Make Greenville Metro Stronger

*An estimated **80,000** immigrants live in Greenville, making up **8%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **9%** of households in Greenville.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Greenville's economy.

Some 10% of Greenville's labor force are immigrants, including 18% of the construction industry, 28% of agriculture, 10% of manufacturing, 12% of business services, and 17% of leisure and hospitality.

About 6,000 immigrants in Greenville work in STEM-related jobs, of which 27% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 14% of STEM degree holders in Greenville are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Greenville's communities.

Some 30,000 immigrants, or about 37% of all immigrants in Greenville, are U.S. citizens. About 14,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 5,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 6% of individuals in Greenville, or some 64,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 13,000 U.S. citizen children in Greenville live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 14,000 undocumented individuals in Greenville 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 \$127 million annually to Greenville's economy**. They also contribute \$14 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 6,000 and **contributed \$84 million to Greenville's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 14,000 immigrants in Greenville are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$159 million to Greenville'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 13,000 workers in Greenville's labor force, and paying an estimated \$27 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$2.7 billion

Annual spending power

\$819 million

Annual combined taxes paid

11,000

Self-employed

31%

With college or advanced degrees

90%

Speak English

86%

Earn above the minimum needed to live