

Immigrants Make Hartford Metro Stronger



*An estimated **168,000** immigrants live in Hartford, making up **15%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **20%** of households in Hartford.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Hartford's economy.

Some 18% of Hartford's labor force are immigrants, including 18% of the construction industry, 21% of manufacturing, 23% of business services, and 18% of leisure and hospitality.

About 16,000 immigrants in Hartford work in STEM-related jobs, of which 29% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 26% of STEM degree holders in Hartford are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Hartford's communities.

Some 90,000 immigrants, or about 54% of all immigrants in Hartford, are U.S. citizens. About 32,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 12,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

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

Some 9,000 U.S. citizen children in Hartford live with an undocumented parent, while some 5,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 14,000 undocumented individuals in Hartford have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 6,000 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 \$138 million annually to Hartford's economy**. They also contribute \$21 million in state and local taxes each year.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 3,000 and **contributed \$121 million to Hartford's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 11,000 immigrants in Hartford are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$295 million to Hartford'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 8,000 workers in Hartford's labor force, and paying an estimated \$49 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$6.8 billion

Annual spending power

\$2.6 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

12,000

Self-employed

37%

With college or advanced degrees

96%

Speak English

90%

Earn above the minimum needed to live