

# Immigrants Make Honolulu Metro Stronger

*An estimated **194,000** immigrants live in Honolulu, making up **20%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **32%** of households in Honolulu.*

## **Immigrants contribute to every sector of Honolulu's economy.**

Some 23% of Honolulu's labor force are immigrants, including 17% of the construction industry, 42% of agriculture, 26% of manufacturing, 26% of business services, and 31% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 6,000 immigrants in Honolulu work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 8% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 22% of STEM degree holders in Honolulu are immigrants.

## **Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Honolulu's communities.**

Some 114,000 immigrants, or about 59% of all immigrants in Honolulu, are U.S. citizens. About 49,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 4,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

## **An estimated 9% of individuals in Honolulu, or some 91,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.**

Some 12,000 U.S. citizen children in Honolulu live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 17,000 undocumented individuals in Honolulu have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 7,000 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 \$240 million annually to Honolulu's economy**. They also contribute \$39 million in state and local taxes each year.

**An estimated 2,000 immigrants in Honolulu are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim**, contributing \$41 million to Honolulu'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 2,000 workers in Honolulu's labor force, and paying an estimated \$13 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$7.2 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$2.6 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**17,000**

Self-employed

**32%**

With college or advanced degrees

**96%**

Speak English

**91%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live