

Immigrants Make Idaho Stronger

*An estimated **141,000** immigrants live in Idaho, making up **7%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **10%** of households in Idaho.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Idaho's economy.

Some 10% of Idaho's labor force are immigrants, including 16% of the construction industry, 30% of agriculture, 15% of manufacturing, 15% of business services, and 8% of leisure and hospitality.

About 7,000 immigrants in Idaho work in STEM-related jobs, of which 29% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 10% of STEM degree holders in Idaho are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Idaho's communities. Some 48,000 immigrants, or about 34% of all immigrants in Idaho, are U.S. citizens. About 29,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 9,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

Some 108,000 are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 25,000 U.S. citizen children in Idaho live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 32,000 undocumented individuals in Idaho have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 24,000 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 10,000 and **contribute \$272 million annually to Idaho's economy.** They also contribute \$29 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,300 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries **contributed \$32 million to Idaho's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 11,000 immigrants in Idaho are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$152 million to Idaho'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 12,000 workers in Idaho's labor force, and paying an estimated \$40 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$4.8 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.3 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

12,000

Self-employed

22%

With college or advanced degrees

91%

Speak English

83%

Earn above the minimum needed to live