

# Immigrants Make Indiana Stronger

*An estimated **537,000** immigrants live in Indiana, making up **8%** of the total population.*

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

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of Indiana's economy.**

Some 10% of Indiana's labor force are immigrants, including 11% of the construction industry, 19% of agriculture, 11% of manufacturing, 11% of business services, and 11% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 31,000 immigrants in Indiana work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 34% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 18% of STEM degree holders in Indiana are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Indiana's communities.** Some 173,000 immigrants, or about 32% of all immigrants in Indiana, are U.S. citizens. About 141,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 43,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**Some 352,000 are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 70,000 U.S. citizen children in Indiana live with an undocumented parent, while some 18,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 72,000 undocumented individuals in Indiana have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 45,000 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 32,000 and **contribute \$749 million annually to Indiana's economy.** They also contribute \$98 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 7,600 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 22,000 and **contributed \$463 million to Indiana's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 48,000 immigrants in Indiana are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$1.1 billion to Indiana'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 46,000 workers in Indiana's labor force, and paying an estimated \$220 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$18.2 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$5.6 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**37,000**

Self-employed

**33%**

With college or advanced degrees

**93%**

Speak English

**85%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live