Immigrants Make Jacksonville Metro Stronger

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An estimated 222,000 immigrants live in Jacksonville, making up 13% of the total population.
Immigrants live in 17% of households in Jacksonville.

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Jacksonville's economy. Some 15% of Jacksonville's labor force are immigrants, including 24% of the construction industry, 16% of agriculture, 20% of manufacturing, 14% of business services, and 16% of leisure and hospitality.

About 14,000 immigrants in Jacksonville work in STEM-related jobs, of which 22% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 24% of STEM degree holders in Jacksonville are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Jacksonville's communities. Some 117,000 immigrants, or about 53% of all immigrants in Jacksonville, are U.S. citizens. About 33,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 12,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 7% of individuals in Jacksonville, or some 117,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 13,000 U.S. citizen children in Jacksonville live with an undocumented parent, while some 5,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 16,000 undocumented individuals in Jacksonville 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 13,000 and **contribute $342 million annually to Jacksonville's economy.** They also contribute $42 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries**—**numbered 9,000 and **contributed $113 million to Jacksonville's economy** in 2024**.** Meanwhile, an estimated 29,000 immigrants in Jacksonville are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute $673 million to Jacksonville'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 19,000 workers in Jacksonville's labor force, and paying an estimated $89 million annually in state and local taxes.**

$8.3 billion

Annual spending power

$2.5 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

24,000

Self-employed

39%

With college or advanced degrees

95%

Speak English

91%

Earn above the minimum needed to live

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