

Immigrants Make Laredo Metro Stronger

*An estimated **66,000** immigrants live in Laredo, making up **23%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **52%** of households in Laredo.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Laredo's economy.

Some 30% of Laredo's labor force are immigrants, including 55% of the construction industry, 13% of agriculture, 40% of manufacturing, 28% of business services, and 33% of leisure and hospitality.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Laredo's communities.

Some 24,000 immigrants, or about 36% of all immigrants in Laredo, are U.S. citizens. About 18,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 23% of individuals in Laredo, or some 65,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 21,000 U.S. citizen children in Laredo live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 17,000 undocumented individuals in Laredo have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 8,000 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 4,000 and **contribute \$81 million annually to Laredo's economy**. They also contribute \$9 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

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 Laredo's labor force, and paying an estimated \$10 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$1.8 billion

Annual spending power

\$461 million

Annual combined taxes paid

6,000

Self-employed

18%

With college or advanced degrees

71%

Speak English

79%

Earn above the minimum needed to live