

Immigrants Make Los Angeles Metro Stronger



*An estimated **4,625,000** immigrants live in Los Angeles, making up **35%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **49%** of households in Los Angeles.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Los Angeles' economy.

Some 39% of Los Angeles' labor force are immigrants, including 56% of the construction industry, 62% of agriculture, 50% of manufacturing, 37% of business services, and 38% of leisure and hospitality.

About 187,000 immigrants in Los Angeles work in STEM-related jobs, of which 14% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 48% of STEM degree holders in Los Angeles are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Los Angeles' communities.

Some 2,337,000 immigrants, or about 51% of all immigrants in Los Angeles, are U.S. citizens. About 1,332,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 150,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 15% of individuals in Los Angeles, or some 1,962,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 280,000 U.S. citizen children in Los Angeles live with an undocumented parent, while some 67,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 542,000 undocumented individuals in Los Angeles have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 383,000 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 161,000 and **contribute \$5.1 billion annually to Los Angeles' economy**. They also contribute \$714 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 56,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 31,000 and **contributed \$887 million to Los Angeles' economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 140,000 immigrants in Los Angeles are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$3.5 billion to Los Angeles' 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 178,000 workers in Los Angeles' labor force, and paying an estimated \$959 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$162 billion

Annual spending power

\$59 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

561,000

Self-employed

29%

With college or advanced degrees

90%

Speak English

87%

Earn above the minimum needed to live