

Immigrants Make Louisville Metro Stronger



*An estimated **121,000** immigrants live in Louisville, making up **9%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **9%** of households in Louisville.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Louisville's economy.

Some 11% of Louisville's labor force are immigrants, including 18% of the construction industry, 12% of manufacturing, 11% of business services, and 12% of leisure and hospitality.

About 5,000 immigrants in Louisville work in STEM-related jobs, of which 40% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 22% of STEM degree holders in Louisville are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Louisville's communities.

Some 32,000 immigrants, or about 26% of all immigrants in Louisville, are U.S. citizens. About 33,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 7,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 6% of individuals in Louisville, or some 85,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 15,000 U.S. citizen children in Louisville live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 9,000 undocumented individuals in Louisville have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 5,000 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 5,000 and **contribute \$127 million annually to Louisville's economy**. They also contribute \$17 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 3,000 and **contributed \$42 million to Louisville's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 18,000 immigrants in Louisville are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$408 million to Louisville'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 17,000 workers in Louisville's labor force, and paying an estimated \$75 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$3.9 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.3 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

8,000

Self-employed

36%

With college or advanced degrees

86%

Speak English

84%

Earn above the minimum needed to live