

# Immigrants Make Maine Stronger

*An estimated **66,000** immigrants live in Maine, making up **5%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **7%** of households in Maine.*

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

Some 6% of Maine's labor force are immigrants, including 7% of the construction industry, 7% of agriculture, 8% of manufacturing, 8% of business services, and 6% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 3,000 immigrants in Maine work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 37% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 9% of STEM degree holders in Maine are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Maine's communities.** Some 30,000 immigrants, or about 46% of all immigrants in Maine, are U.S. citizens. About 18,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 5,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**Some 26,000 are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 4,000 U.S. citizen children in Maine live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 4,000 undocumented individuals in Maine have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 2,000 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 2,000 and **contribute \$75 million annually to Maine's economy.** They also contribute \$10 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 100 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 1,000 and **contributed \$8 million to Maine's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 6,000 immigrants in Maine are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$181 million to Maine'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 6,000 workers in Maine's labor force, and paying an estimated \$25 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$2.7 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$850 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**6,000**

Self-employed

**44%**

With college or advanced degrees

**96%**

Speak English

**91%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live