

Immigrants Make Massachusetts Stronger

*An estimated **1,371,000** immigrants live in Massachusetts, making up **20%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **25%** of households in Massachusetts.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Massachusetts's economy.

Some 23% of Massachusetts's labor force are immigrants, including 29% of the construction industry, 5% of agriculture, 28% of manufacturing, 28% of business services, and 24% of leisure and hospitality.

About 137,000 immigrants in Massachusetts work in STEM-related jobs, of which 22% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 31% of STEM degree holders in Massachusetts are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Massachusetts's communities. Some 641,000 immigrants, or about 47% of all immigrants in Massachusetts, are U.S. citizens. About 406,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 94,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 7% of individuals in Massachusetts, or some 508,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 71,000 U.S. citizen children in Massachusetts live with an undocumented parent, while some 23,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 86,000 undocumented individuals in Massachusetts have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 40,000 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 40,000 and **contribute \$1.1 billion annually to Massachusetts's economy.** They also contribute \$139 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 4,400 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 24,000 and **contributed \$731 million to Massachusetts's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 68,000 immigrants in Massachusetts are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$1.7 billion to Massachusetts'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 60,000 workers in Massachusetts's labor force, and paying an estimated \$303 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$61.4 billion

Annual spending power

\$22.5 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

95,000

Self-employed

41%

With college or advanced degrees

90%

Speak English

88%

Earn above the minimum needed to live