

# Immigrants Make Miami Metro Stronger

*An estimated **3,221,000** immigrants live in Miami, making up **47%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **57%** of households in Miami.*

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

Some 54% of Miami's labor force are immigrants, including 70% of the construction industry, 82% of agriculture, 63% of manufacturing, 50% of business services, and 49% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 96,000 immigrants in Miami work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 14% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 61% of STEM degree holders in Miami are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Miami's communities.**

Some 1,557,000 immigrants, or about 48% of all immigrants in Miami, are U.S. citizens. About 465,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 143,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 26% of individuals in Miami, or some 1,771,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.**

Some 176,000 U.S. citizen children in Miami live with an undocumented parent, while some 67,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 227,000 undocumented individuals in Miami have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 116,000 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 98,000 and **contribute \$2.4 billion annually to Miami's economy**. They also contribute \$293 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 6,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 186,000 and **contributed \$3.8 billion to Miami's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 520,000 immigrants in Miami are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$11.2 billion to Miami'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 407,000 workers in Miami's labor force, and paying an estimated \$1.7 billion annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$106.2 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$31.7 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**420,000**

Self-employed

**33%**

With college or advanced degrees

**84%**

Speak English

**87%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live