

Immigrants Make Minnesota Stronger

*An estimated **550,000** immigrants live in Minnesota, making up **10%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **12%** of households in Minnesota.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Minnesota's economy.

Some 12% of Minnesota's labor force are immigrants, including 9% of the construction industry, 10% of agriculture, 16% of manufacturing, 16% of business services, and 12% of leisure and hospitality.

About 36,000 immigrants in Minnesota work in STEM-related jobs, of which 20% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 16% of STEM degree holders in Minnesota are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Minnesota's communities. Some 271,000 immigrants, or about 49% of all immigrants in Minnesota, are U.S. citizens. About 98,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 37,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 5% of individuals in Minnesota, or some 287,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 49,000 U.S. citizen children in Minnesota live with an undocumented parent, while some 19,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 66,000 undocumented individuals in Minnesota have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 38,000 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 32,000 and **contribute \$877 million annually to Minnesota's economy.** They also contribute \$110 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 4,300 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 6,000 and **contributed \$147 million to Minnesota's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 35,000 immigrants in Minnesota are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$722 million to Minnesota'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 28,000 workers in Minnesota's labor force, and paying an estimated \$131 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$20.9 billion

Annual spending power

\$7.0 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

35,000

Self-employed

36%

With college or advanced degrees

92%

Speak English

89%

Earn above the minimum needed to live