

Immigrants Make Missouri Stronger

*An estimated **325,000** immigrants live in Missouri, making up **5%** of the total population.*

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

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Missouri's economy.

Some 7% of Missouri's labor force are immigrants, including 7% of the construction industry, 5% of agriculture, 8% of manufacturing, 8% of business services, and 6% of leisure and hospitality.

About 28,000 immigrants in Missouri work in STEM-related jobs, of which 23% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 17% of STEM degree holders in Missouri are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Missouri's communities. Some 141,000 immigrants, or about 43% of all immigrants in Missouri, are U.S. citizens. About 58,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 27,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

Some 207,000 are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 40,000 U.S. citizen children in Missouri live with an undocumented parent, while some 8,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 44,000 undocumented individuals in Missouri have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 24,000 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 19,000 and **contribute \$564 million annually to Missouri's economy.** They also contribute \$65 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,600 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 7,000 and **contributed \$162 million to Missouri's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 22,000 immigrants in Missouri are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$510 million to Missouri'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 19,000 workers in Missouri's labor force, and paying an estimated \$89 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$13.0 billion

Annual spending power

\$4.3 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

23,000

Self-employed

42%

With college or advanced degrees

94%

Speak English

84%

Earn above the minimum needed to live