

Immigrants Make Modesto Metro Stronger

*An estimated **138,000** immigrants live in Modesto, making up **24%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **36%** of households in Modesto.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Modesto's economy.

Some 30% of Modesto's labor force are immigrants, including 38% of the construction industry, 68% of agriculture, 39% of manufacturing, 35% of business services, and 23% of leisure and hospitality.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Modesto's communities.

Some 57,000 immigrants, or about 41% of all immigrants in Modesto, are U.S. citizens. About 51,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 1,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 13% of individuals in Modesto, or some 77,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 16,000 U.S. citizen children in Modesto live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 20,000 undocumented individuals in Modesto have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 17,000 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 5,000 and **contribute \$101 million annually to Modesto's economy**. They also contribute \$14 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,000 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 \$31 million to Modesto's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 3,000 immigrants in Modesto are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$53 million to Modesto'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 4,000 workers in Modesto's labor force, and paying an estimated \$19 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$4.1 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.3 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

12,000

Self-employed

11%

With college or advanced degrees

86%

Speak English

87%

Earn above the minimum needed to live