

# Immigrants Make NY-1 Stronger

*An estimated **126,000** immigrants live in NY-1, making up **16%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **22%** of households in NY-1.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of NY-1's economy. Some 20% of NY-1's labor force are immigrants, including 34% of the construction industry, 30% of agriculture, 24% of manufacturing, 21% of business services, and 21% of leisure and hospitality.

About **5,000** immigrants in NY-1 work in **STEM-related jobs**, of which 8% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 29% of STEM degree holders in NY-1 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost NY-1's communities. Some 64,000 immigrants, or about 51% of all immigrants in NY-1, are U.S. citizens. About 24,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 4,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated **9%** of individuals in NY-1, or some **72,000**, are either **undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant**. Some 11,000 U.S. citizen children in NY-1 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 15,000 undocumented individuals in NY-1 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 9,000 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 6,000 and **contribute \$151 million annually to NY-1's economy**. They also contribute \$26 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 2,000 and **contributed \$70 million to NY-1's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 11,000 immigrants in NY-1 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$130 million to NY-1'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 11,000 workers in NY-1's labor force, and paying an estimated \$48 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$5.9 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$2.8 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**15,000**

Self-employed

**36%**

With college or advanced degrees

**93%**

Speak English

**90%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live