

Immigrants Make NY-15 Stronger

*An estimated **271,000** immigrants live in NY-15, making up **36%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **54%** of households in NY-15.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of NY-15's economy. Some 48% of NY-15's labor force are immigrants, including 72% of the construction industry, 43% of agriculture, 51% of manufacturing, 42% of business services, and 50% of leisure and hospitality.

About **6,000** immigrants in NY-15 work in **STEM-related jobs**, of which 9% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 47% of STEM degree holders in NY-15 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost NY-15's communities. Some 138,000 immigrants, or about 51% of all immigrants in NY-15, are U.S. citizens. About 83,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 4,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated **13%** of individuals in NY-15, or some **99,000**, are either **undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant**. Some 18,000 U.S. citizen children in NY-15 live with an undocumented parent, while some 6,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 19,000 undocumented individuals in NY-15 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 12,000 and **contribute \$233 million annually to NY-15's economy**. They also contribute \$36 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 1,000 and **contributed \$25 million to NY-15's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 11,000 immigrants in NY-15 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$167 million to NY-15'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 8,000 workers in NY-15's labor force, and paying an estimated \$36 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$6.9 billion

Annual spending power

\$2.3 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

20,000

Self-employed

19%

With college or advanced degrees

88%

Speak English

75%

Earn above the minimum needed to live