

# Immigrants Make NY-18 Stronger

*An estimated **105,000** immigrants live in NY-18, making up **14%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **20%** of households in NY-18.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of NY-18's economy. Some 18% of NY-18's labor force are immigrants, including 19% of the construction industry, 14% of agriculture, 21% of manufacturing, 12% of business services, and 21% of leisure and hospitality.

About **3,000** immigrants in NY-18 work in **STEM-related jobs**. In all, 22% of STEM degree holders in NY-18 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost NY-18's communities. Some 55,000 immigrants, or about 52% of all immigrants in NY-18, are U.S. citizens. About 25,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 3,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated **7%** of individuals in NY-18, or some **53,000**, are either **undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant**. Some 7,000 U.S. citizen children in NY-18 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 10,000 undocumented individuals in NY-18 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 5,000 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 4,000 and **contribute \$101 million annually to NY-18's economy**. They also contribute \$17 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 \$14 million to NY-18's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 7,000 immigrants in NY-18 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$103 million to NY-18'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 7,000 workers in NY-18's labor force, and paying an estimated \$24 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$4.1 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$1.7 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**11,000**

Self-employed

**33%**

With college or advanced degrees

**94%**

Speak English

**89%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live