

Immigrants Are Major Contributors to New York’s Construction Industry

*An estimated **264,000** immigrants work in New York’s construction industry, making up **38%** of New York’s construction workforce.*

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost New York’s construction industry. Some 88,000 immigrants, or about 33% of all immigrants in New York’s construction industry, are U.S. citizens. About 58,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 3,000 are temporary immigrants on a nonimmigrant visa.

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 10,000 workers in New York’s construction industry. 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—number 9,000 workers in New York’s construction industry. Meanwhile, an estimated 23,000 immigrants working in New York’s construction industry are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim.

Immigrant groups protected from deportation—DACA recipients, TPS holders, people seeking asylum, and those waiting for a permanent residency visa—**have access to work permits, making up an estimated 38,000 construction industry workers in New York.**

\$9.8 billion

Annual combined income from immigrant construction industry workers

\$3.5 billion

Annual combined taxes paid by immigrant construction industry workers

52,000

Self-employed immigrant construction industry workers