

Immigrants Make New Jersey Stronger

*An estimated **2,558,000** immigrants live in New Jersey, making up **27%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **34%** of households in New Jersey.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of New Jersey's economy.

Some 33% of New Jersey's labor force are immigrants, including 40% of the construction industry, 36% of agriculture, 41% of manufacturing, 41% of business services, and 32% of leisure and hospitality.

About 196,000 immigrants in New Jersey work in STEM-related jobs, of which 23% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 46% of STEM degree holders in New Jersey are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost New Jersey's communities. Some 1,253,000 immigrants, or about 49% of all immigrants in New Jersey, are U.S. citizens. About 404,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 169,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 15% of individuals in New Jersey, or some 1,451,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 255,000 U.S. citizen children in New Jersey live with an undocumented parent, while some 62,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 306,000 undocumented individuals in New Jersey have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 158,000 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 100,000 and **contribute \$2.6 billion annually to New Jersey's economy.** They also contribute \$349 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 12,900 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 41,000 and **contributed \$938 million to New Jersey's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 203,000 immigrants in New Jersey are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$5.0 billion to New Jersey'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 162,000 workers in New Jersey's labor force, and paying an estimated \$817 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$104 billion

Annual spending power

\$40 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

211,000

Self-employed

40%

With college or advanced degrees

89%

Speak English

89%

Earn above the minimum needed to live