

Immigrants Make New York Metro Stronger

*An estimated **6,610,000** immigrants live in New York, making up **32%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **42%** of households in New York.*

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

Some 37% of New York's labor force are immigrants, including 51% of the construction industry, 37% of agriculture, 46% of manufacturing, 35% of business services, and 39% of leisure and hospitality.

About 356,000 immigrants in New York work in STEM-related jobs, of which 20% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 46% of STEM degree holders in New York are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost New York's communities.

Some 3,430,000 immigrants, or about 52% of all immigrants in New York, are U.S. citizens. About 1,419,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 317,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 14% of individuals in New York, or some 3,016,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 471,000 U.S. citizen children in New York live with an undocumented parent, while some 119,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 648,000 undocumented individuals in New York have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 338,000 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 213,000 and **contribute \$6.3 billion annually to New York's economy**. They also contribute \$999 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 25,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 103,000 and **contributed \$2.6 billion to New York's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 356,000 immigrants in New York are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$9.0 billion to New York'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 318,000 workers in New York's labor force, and paying an estimated \$2.0 billion annually in state and local taxes.**

\$260 billion

Annual spending power

\$108 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

578,000

Self-employed

36%

With college or advanced degrees

90%

Speak English

87%

Earn above the minimum needed to live