

# Immigrants Make New York Stronger

*An estimated **4,810,000** immigrants live in New York, making up **25%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **32%** of households in New York.*

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

Some 29% of New York's labor force are immigrants, including 38% of the construction industry, 22% of agriculture, 26% of manufacturing, 26% of business services, and 31% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 215,000 immigrants in New York work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 19% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 35% of STEM degree holders in New York are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost New York's communities.** Some 2,555,000 immigrants, or about 53% of all immigrants in New York, are U.S. citizens. About 1,185,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 195,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 10% of individuals in New York, or some 1,913,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 276,000 U.S. citizen children in New York live with an undocumented parent, while some 79,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 416,000 undocumented individuals in New York have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 216,000 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 140,000 and **contribute \$4.5 billion annually to New York's economy.** They also contribute \$763 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 21,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 71,000 and **contributed \$1.8 billion to New York's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 195,000 immigrants in New York are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$4.9 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 188,000 workers in New York's labor force, and paying an estimated \$1.3 billion annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$184 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$79 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**427,000**

Self-employed

**34%**

With college or advanced degrees

**91%**

Speak English

**85%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live