

Immigrants Are Major Contributors to North Carolina's Construction Industry

*An estimated **139,000** immigrants work in North Carolina's construction industry, making up **28%** of North Carolina's construction workforce.*

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost North Carolina's construction industry. Some 23,000 immigrants, or about 17% of all immigrants in North Carolina's construction industry, are U.S. citizens. About 14,000 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 9,000 workers in North Carolina's construction industry. Some 3,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 6,000 workers in North Carolina's construction industry. Meanwhile, an estimated 24,000 immigrants working in North Carolina'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 North Carolina.**

\$4.5 billion

Annual combined income from immigrant construction industry workers

\$1.0 billion

Annual combined taxes paid by immigrant construction industry workers

26,000

Self-employed immigrant construction industry workers