

Immigrants Are Major Contributors to North Carolina's Manufacturing Industry

*An estimated **107,000** immigrants work in North Carolina's manufacturing industry, making up **15%** of North Carolina's manufacturing workforce.*

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost North Carolina's manufacturing industry. Some 41,000 immigrants, or about 38% of all immigrants in North Carolina's manufacturing industry, are U.S. citizens. About 19,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 7,000 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 3,000 workers in North Carolina's manufacturing industry.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 4,000 workers in North Carolina's manufacturing industry. Meanwhile, an estimated 4,000 immigrants working in North Carolina's manufacturing 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 11,000 manufacturing industry workers in North Carolina.**

\$5.1 billion

Annual combined income from immigrant manufacturing industry workers

\$1.6 billion

Annual combined taxes paid by immigrant manufacturing industry workers

3,000

Self-employed immigrant manufacturing industry workers