

Immigrants Make North Dakota Stronger

*An estimated **54,000** immigrants live in North Dakota, making up **7%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **7%** of households in North Dakota.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of North Dakota's economy.

Some 7% of North Dakota's labor force are immigrants, including 14% of the construction industry, 12% of agriculture, 5% of manufacturing, 5% of business services, and 3% of leisure and hospitality.

About 1,000 immigrants in North Dakota work in STEM-related jobs, of which 71% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 11% of STEM degree holders in North Dakota are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost North Dakota's communities. Some 10,000 immigrants, or about 18% of all immigrants in North Dakota, are U.S. citizens. About 13,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 6,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

Some 31,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 1,000 U.S. citizen children in North Dakota live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 9,000 undocumented individuals in North Dakota have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 8,000 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 1,000 and **contribute \$27 million annually to North Dakota's economy.** They also contribute \$3 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 100 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 7,000 and **contributed \$222 million to North Dakota's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 10,000 immigrants in North Dakota are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$313 million to North Dakota'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 5,000 workers in North Dakota's labor force, and paying an estimated \$35 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$1.9 billion

Annual spending power

\$483 million

Annual combined taxes paid

2,000

Self-employed

36%

With college or advanced degrees

86%

Speak English

83%

Earn above the minimum needed to live