

# Immigrants Are Major Contributors to Ohio's Leisure and Hospitality Industry

*An estimated **40,000** immigrants work in Ohio's leisure and hospitality industry, making up **6%** of Ohio's leisure and hospitality workforce.*

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Ohio's leisure and hospitality industry.** Some 15,000 immigrants, or about 36% of all immigrants in Ohio's leisure and hospitality industry, are U.S. citizens. About 6,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 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 Ohio's leisure and hospitality industry. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

An estimated 4,000 immigrants working in Ohio's leisure and hospitality 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 6,000 leisure and hospitality industry workers in Ohio.**

**\$887 million**

Annual combined income from immigrant leisure and hospitality industry workers

**\$224 million**

Annual combined taxes paid by immigrant leisure and hospitality industry workers

**3,000**

Self-employed immigrant leisure and hospitality industry workers