

# Immigrants Make Ohio Stronger

*An estimated **711,000** immigrants live in Ohio, making up **6%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **8%** of households in Ohio.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of Ohio's economy.**

Some 7% of Ohio's labor force are immigrants, including 8% of the construction industry, 13% of agriculture, 8% of manufacturing, 8% of business services, and 6% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 56,000 immigrants in Ohio work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 25% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 17% of STEM degree holders in Ohio are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Ohio's communities.** Some 306,000 immigrants, or about 43% of all immigrants in Ohio, are U.S. citizens. About 120,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 55,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**Some 387,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 63,000 U.S. citizen children in Ohio live with an undocumented parent, while some 18,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 60,000 undocumented individuals in Ohio have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 27,000 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 30,000 and **contribute \$709 million annually to Ohio's economy.** They also contribute \$94 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 3,400 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 29,000 and **contributed \$530 million to Ohio's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 66,000 immigrants in Ohio are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$1.4 billion to Ohio'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 48,000 workers in Ohio's labor force, and paying an estimated \$273 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$27.2 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$9.2 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**57,000**

Self-employed

**43%**

With college or advanced degrees

**93%**

Speak English

**83%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live