

# Immigrants Make Omaha Metro Stronger

*An estimated **114,000** immigrants live in Omaha, making up **11%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **12%** of households in Omaha.*

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

Some 12% of Omaha's labor force are immigrants, including 19% of the construction industry, 20% of manufacturing, 14% of business services, and 14% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 4,000 immigrants in Omaha work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 22% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 12% of STEM degree holders in Omaha are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Omaha's communities.**

Some 35,000 immigrants, or about 31% of all immigrants in Omaha, are U.S. citizens. About 24,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 5,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 8% of individuals in Omaha, or some 91,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.**

Some 17,000 U.S. citizen children in Omaha live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 16,000 undocumented individuals in Omaha have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 9,000 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 5,000 and **contribute \$172 million annually to Omaha's economy**. They also contribute \$22 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 4,000 and **contributed \$42 million to Omaha's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 14,000 immigrants in Omaha are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$374 million to Omaha'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 8,000 workers in Omaha's labor force, and paying an estimated \$65 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$3.8 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$1.2 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**9,000**

Self-employed

**24%**

With college or advanced degrees

**84%**

Speak English

**83%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live