

Immigrants Make Orlando Metro Stronger

*An estimated **806,000** immigrants live in Orlando, making up **26%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **32%** of households in Orlando.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Orlando's economy.

Some 30% of Orlando's labor force are immigrants, including 41% of the construction industry, 63% of agriculture, 28% of manufacturing, 27% of business services, and 31% of leisure and hospitality.

About 32,000 immigrants in Orlando work in STEM-related jobs, of which 17% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 38% of STEM degree holders in Orlando are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Orlando's communities.

Some 299,000 immigrants, or about 37% of all immigrants in Orlando, are U.S. citizens. About 128,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 49,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 16% of individuals in Orlando, or some 500,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 40,000 U.S. citizen children in Orlando live with an undocumented parent, while some 24,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 46,000 undocumented individuals in Orlando 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 33,000 and **contribute \$1.0 billion annually to Orlando's economy**. They also contribute \$115 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 107,000 and **contributed \$2.0 billion to Orlando's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 193,000 immigrants in Orlando are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$4.4 billion to Orlando'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 138,000 workers in Orlando's labor force, and paying an estimated \$634 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$26.7 billion

Annual spending power

\$7.9 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

80,000

Self-employed

38%

With college or advanced degrees

90%

Speak English

83%

Earn above the minimum needed to live