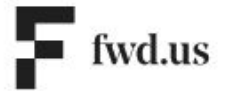


Immigrants Make Palm Bay Metro Stronger



*An estimated **71,000** immigrants live in Palm Bay, making up **11%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **16%** of households in Palm Bay.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Palm Bay's economy.

Some 13% of Palm Bay's labor force are immigrants, including 13% of the construction industry, 39% of agriculture, 9% of manufacturing, 11% of business services, and 7% of leisure and hospitality.

About 4,000 immigrants in Palm Bay work in STEM-related jobs, of which 14% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 19% of STEM degree holders in Palm Bay are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Palm Bay's communities.

Some 43,000 immigrants, or about 61% of all immigrants in Palm Bay, are U.S. citizens. About 10,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 3,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

Some 26,000 are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 3,000 U.S. citizen children in Palm Bay live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 3,000 undocumented individuals in Palm Bay have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 1,000 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 2,000 and **contribute \$32 million annually to Palm Bay's economy**. They also contribute \$4 million in state and local taxes each year.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 2,000 and **contributed \$44 million to Palm Bay's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 7,000 immigrants in Palm Bay are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$110 million to Palm Bay'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 Palm Bay's labor force, and paying an estimated \$16 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$2.6 billion

Annual spending power

\$765 million

Annual combined taxes paid

8,000

Self-employed

40%

With college or advanced degrees

97%

Speak English

90%

Earn above the minimum needed to live