

Immigrants Make Pennsylvania Stronger

*An estimated **1,150,000** immigrants live in Pennsylvania, making up **9%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **11%** of households in Pennsylvania.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Pennsylvania's economy.

Some 11% of Pennsylvania's labor force are immigrants, including 10% of the construction industry, 16% of agriculture, 11% of manufacturing, 11% of business services, and 10% of leisure and hospitality.

About 93,000 immigrants in Pennsylvania work in STEM-related jobs, of which 22% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 20% of STEM degree holders in Pennsylvania are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Pennsylvania's communities. Some 558,000 immigrants, or about 49% of all immigrants in Pennsylvania, are U.S. citizens. About 214,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 74,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 5% of individuals in Pennsylvania, or some 583,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 87,000 U.S. citizen children in Pennsylvania live with an undocumented parent, while some 26,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 113,000 undocumented individuals in Pennsylvania have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 56,000 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 45,000 and **contribute \$1.2 billion annually to Pennsylvania's economy.** They also contribute \$166 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 3,900 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 \$702 million to Pennsylvania's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 91,000 immigrants in Pennsylvania are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$2.5 billion to Pennsylvania'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 58,000 workers in Pennsylvania's labor force, and paying an estimated \$415 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$44.4 billion

Annual spending power

\$16.0 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

94,000

Self-employed

41%

With college or advanced degrees

93%

Speak English

84%

Earn above the minimum needed to live