

Immigrants Make Philadelphia Metro Stronger



*An estimated **823,000** immigrants live in Philadelphia, making up **13%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **17%** of households in Philadelphia.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Philadelphia's economy.

Some 16% of Philadelphia's labor force are immigrants, including 18% of the construction industry, 27% of agriculture, 19% of manufacturing, 17% of business services, and 15% of leisure and hospitality.

About 77,000 immigrants in Philadelphia work in STEM-related jobs, of which 20% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 26% of STEM degree holders in Philadelphia are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Philadelphia's communities.

Some 424,000 immigrants, or about 51% of all immigrants in Philadelphia, are U.S. citizens. About 134,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 50,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 7% of individuals in Philadelphia, or some 429,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 76,000 U.S. citizen children in Philadelphia live with an undocumented parent, while some 22,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 95,000 undocumented individuals in Philadelphia have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 46,000 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 36,000 and **contribute \$999 million annually to Philadelphia's economy**. They also contribute \$134 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 4,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 13,000 and **contributed \$268 million to Philadelphia's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 53,000 immigrants in Philadelphia are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$1.3 billion to Philadelphia'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 42,000 workers in Philadelphia's labor force, and paying an estimated \$232 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$33.6 billion

Annual spending power

\$12.3 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

83,000

Self-employed

43%

With college or advanced degrees

93%

Speak English

85%

Earn above the minimum needed to live