

Immigrants Make Phoenix Metro Stronger

*An estimated **812,000** immigrants live in Phoenix, making up **16%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **22%** of households in Phoenix.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Phoenix's economy. Some 19% of Phoenix's labor force are immigrants, including 31% of the construction industry, 29% of agriculture, 23% of manufacturing, 22% of business services, and 17% of leisure and hospitality.

About 49,000 immigrants in Phoenix work in STEM-related jobs, of which 29% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 26% of STEM degree holders in Phoenix are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Phoenix's communities. Some 320,000 immigrants, or about 39% of all immigrants in Phoenix, are U.S. citizens. About 187,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 52,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 11% of individuals in Phoenix, or some 556,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 105,000 U.S. citizen children in Phoenix live with an undocumented parent, while some 22,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 135,000 undocumented individuals in Phoenix have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 98,000 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 53,000 and contribute **\$1.6 billion annually to Phoenix's economy**. They also contribute \$190 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 21,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 5,000 and contributed **\$139 million to Phoenix's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 45,000 immigrants in Phoenix are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$1.1 billion to Phoenix'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 50,000 workers in Phoenix's labor force, and paying an estimated \$237 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$29.4 billion

Annual spending power

\$9.2 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

74,000

Self-employed

30%

With college or advanced degrees

89%

Speak English

88%

Earn above the minimum needed to live