

# Immigrants Make Pittsburgh Metro Stronger



*An estimated **110,000** immigrants live in Pittsburgh, making up **5%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **7%** of households in Pittsburgh.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of Pittsburgh's economy.**

Some 6% of Pittsburgh's labor force are immigrants, including 23% of agriculture industry, 6% of manufacturing, 7% of business services, and 7% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 13,000 immigrants in Pittsburgh work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 35% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 15% of STEM degree holders in Pittsburgh are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Pittsburgh's communities.**

Some 52,000 immigrants, or about 47% of all immigrants in Pittsburgh, are U.S. citizens. About 20,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 14,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**Some 46,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 3,000 U.S. citizen children in Pittsburgh live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 9,000 undocumented individuals in Pittsburgh have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 4,000 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 3,000 and **contribute \$95 million annually to Pittsburgh's economy.** They also contribute \$14 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 2,000 and **contributed \$37 million to Pittsburgh's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 6,000 immigrants in Pittsburgh are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$145 million to Pittsburgh'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 Pittsburgh's labor force, and paying an estimated \$30 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$5.3 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$2.1 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**6,000**

Self-employed

**60%**

With college or advanced degrees

**97%**

Speak English

**86%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live