

Immigrants Make Providence Metro Stronger



*An estimated **277,000** immigrants live in Providence, making up **17%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **21%** of households in Providence.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Providence's economy.

Some 19% of Providence's labor force are immigrants, including 32% of the construction industry, 13% of agriculture, 24% of manufacturing, 19% of business services, and 21% of leisure and hospitality.

About 11,000 immigrants in Providence work in STEM-related jobs, of which 17% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 21% of STEM degree holders in Providence are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Providence's communities.

Some 129,000 immigrants, or about 46% of all immigrants in Providence, are U.S. citizens. About 73,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 10,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 8% of individuals in Providence, or some 138,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 27,000 U.S. citizen children in Providence live with an undocumented parent, while some 6,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 24,000 undocumented individuals in Providence have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 11,000 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 9,000 and **contribute \$208 million annually to Providence's economy**. They also contribute \$26 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 \$49 million to Providence's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 24,000 immigrants in Providence are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$528 million to Providence'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 18,000 workers in Providence's labor force, and paying an estimated \$76 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$9.3 billion

Annual spending power

\$3.0 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

22,000

Self-employed

24%

With college or advanced degrees

87%

Speak English

82%

Earn above the minimum needed to live