

Immigrants Make Richmond Metro Stronger

*An estimated **144,000** immigrants live in Richmond, making up **11%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **13%** of households in Richmond.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Richmond's economy.

Some 12% of Richmond's labor force are immigrants, including 28% of the construction industry, 9% of agriculture, 11% of manufacturing, 11% of business services, and 16% of leisure and hospitality.

About 11,000 immigrants in Richmond work in STEM-related jobs, of which 25% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 23% of STEM degree holders in Richmond are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Richmond's communities.

Some 58,000 immigrants, or about 41% of all immigrants in Richmond, are U.S. citizens. About 28,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 7,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 6% of individuals in Richmond, or some 83,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 13,000 U.S. citizen children in Richmond live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 15,000 undocumented individuals in Richmond have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 7,000 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 \$268 million annually to Richmond's economy**. They also contribute \$35 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 5,000 and **contributed \$128 million to Richmond's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 13,000 immigrants in Richmond are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$262 million to Richmond'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 13,000 workers in Richmond's labor force, and paying an estimated \$58 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$5.6 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.9 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

9,000

Self-employed

42%

With college or advanced degrees

93%

Speak English

82%

Earn above the minimum needed to live