

# Immigrants Make Riverside Metro Stronger

*An estimated **1,189,000** immigrants live in Riverside, making up **24%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **38%** of households in Riverside.*

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

Some 29% of Riverside's labor force are immigrants, including 37% of the construction industry, 56% of agriculture, 40% of manufacturing, 33% of business services, and 27% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 28,000 immigrants in Riverside work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 8% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 34% of STEM degree holders in Riverside are immigrants.

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

Some 593,000 immigrants, or about 50% of all immigrants in Riverside, are U.S. citizens. About 356,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 18,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 11% of individuals in Riverside, or some 553,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.**

Some 96,000 U.S. citizen children in Riverside live with an undocumented parent, while some 28,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 157,000 undocumented individuals in Riverside have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 117,000 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 50,000 and **contribute \$1.6 billion annually to Riverside's economy**. They also contribute \$217 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 22,000 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 \$143 million to Riverside's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 27,000 immigrants in Riverside are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$529 million to Riverside'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 51,000 workers in Riverside's labor force, and paying an estimated \$228 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$36.0 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$12.3 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**119,000**

Self-employed

**20%**

With college or advanced degrees

**88%**

Speak English

**89%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live