

Immigrants Make Rochester Metro Stronger

*An estimated **75,000** immigrants live in Rochester, making up **7%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **10%** of households in Rochester.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Rochester's economy.

Some 8% of Rochester's labor force are immigrants, including 12% of agriculture jobs, 12% of manufacturing, 7% of business services, and 8% of leisure and hospitality.

About 4,000 immigrants in Rochester work in STEM-related jobs, of which 25% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 14% of STEM degree holders in Rochester are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Rochester's communities.

Some 41,000 immigrants, or about 54% of all immigrants in Rochester, are U.S. citizens. About 17,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 4,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

Some 27,000 are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 5,000 U.S. citizen children in Rochester live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 4,000 undocumented individuals in Rochester have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 2,000 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 2,000 and **contribute \$64 million annually to Rochester's economy.** They also contribute \$11 million in state and local taxes each year.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 1,000 and **contributed \$22 million to Rochester's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 3,000 immigrants in Rochester are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$62 million to Rochester'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 2,000 workers in Rochester's labor force, and paying an estimated \$12 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$2.7 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.0 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

6,000

Self-employed

42%

With college or advanced degrees

90%

Speak English

84%

Earn above the minimum needed to live