

Immigrants Make Salinas Metro Stronger

*An estimated **184,000** immigrants live in Salinas, making up **34%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **48%** of households in Salinas.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Salinas' economy.

Some 45% of Salinas' labor force are immigrants, including 46% of the construction industry, 86% of agriculture, 53% of manufacturing, 45% of business services, and 28% of leisure and hospitality.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Salinas' communities.

Some 49,000 immigrants, or about 27% of all immigrants in Salinas, are U.S. citizens. About 73,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 4,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 23% of individuals in Salinas, or some 124,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 23,000 U.S. citizen children in Salinas live with an undocumented parent, while some 6,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 45,000 undocumented individuals in Salinas have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 30,000 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 8,000 and **contribute \$217 million annually to Salinas' economy.** They also contribute \$30 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

An estimated 3,000 immigrants in Salinas are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, contributing \$108 million to Salinas' 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 4,000 workers in Salinas' labor force, and paying an estimated \$27 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$5.4 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.8 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

10,000

Self-employed

13%

With college or advanced degrees

70%

Speak English

85%

Earn above the minimum needed to live