

# Immigrants Make San Antonio Metro Stronger



*An estimated **399,000** immigrants live in San Antonio, making up **15%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **21%** of households in San Antonio.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of San Antonio's economy.**

Some 17% of San Antonio's labor force are immigrants, including 35% of the construction industry, 19% of agriculture, 23% of manufacturing, 19% of business services, and 19% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 13,000 immigrants in San Antonio work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 27% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 22% of STEM degree holders in San Antonio are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost San Antonio's communities.**

Some 140,000 immigrants, or about 35% of all immigrants in San Antonio, are U.S. citizens. About 85,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 20,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 11% of individuals in San Antonio, or some 296,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.**

Some 57,000 U.S. citizen children in San Antonio live with an undocumented parent, while some 15,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 58,000 undocumented individuals in San Antonio 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 21,000 and **contribute \$509 million annually to San Antonio's economy**. They also contribute \$64 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 5,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 12,000 and **contributed \$211 million to San Antonio's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 41,000 immigrants in San Antonio are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$919 million to San Antonio'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 35,000 workers in San Antonio's labor force, and paying an estimated \$173 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$11.8 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$3.4 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**40,000**

Self-employed

**27%**

With college or advanced degrees

**86%**

Speak English

**78%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live