

Immigrants Make San Jose Metro Stronger

*An estimated **833,000** immigrants live in San Jose, making up **43%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **60%** of households in San Jose.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of San Jose's economy.

Some 52% of San Jose's labor force are immigrants, including 58% of the construction industry, 55% of agriculture, 64% of manufacturing, 56% of business services, and 43% of leisure and hospitality.

About 197,000 immigrants in San Jose work in STEM-related jobs, of which 37% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 70% of STEM degree holders in San Jose are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost San Jose's communities.

Some 394,000 immigrants, or about 47% of all immigrants in San Jose, are U.S. citizens. About 161,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 131,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 16% of individuals in San Jose, or some 311,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 46,000 U.S. citizen children in San Jose live with an undocumented parent, while some 11,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 86,000 undocumented individuals in San Jose have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 40,000 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 22,000 and **contribute \$1.0 billion annually to San Jose's economy**. They also contribute \$151 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 6,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 3,000 and **contributed \$118 million to San Jose's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 44,000 immigrants in San Jose are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$2.2 billion to San Jose'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 44,000 workers in San Jose's labor force, and paying an estimated \$434 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$60.3 billion

Annual spending power

\$29.5 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

63,000

Self-employed

59%

With college or advanced degrees

94%

Speak English

94%

Earn above the minimum needed to live