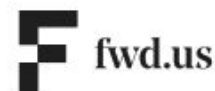


# Immigrants Make Santa Barbara Metro Stronger



*An estimated **138,000** immigrants live in Santa Barbara, making up **29%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **35%** of households in Santa Barbara.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of Santa Barbara's economy.**

Some 36% of Santa Barbara's labor force are immigrants, including 35% of the construction industry, 93% of agriculture, 29% of manufacturing, 29% of business services, and 22% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 3,000 immigrants in Santa Barbara work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 27% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 20% of STEM degree holders in Santa Barbara are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Santa Barbara's communities.**

Some 38,000 immigrants, or about 28% of all immigrants in Santa Barbara, are U.S. citizens. About 39,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 5,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 21% of individuals in Santa Barbara, or some 97,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.**

Some 16,000 U.S. citizen children in Santa Barbara live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 35,000 undocumented individuals in Santa Barbara have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 22,000 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 4,000 and **contribute \$99 million annually to Santa Barbara's economy**. They also contribute \$14 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**An estimated 13,000 immigrants in Santa Barbara are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim**, contributing \$321 million to Santa Barbara'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 5,000 workers in Santa Barbara's labor force, and paying an estimated \$48 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$4.1 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$1.3 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**8,000**

Self-employed

**16%**

With college or advanced degrees

**68%**

Speak English

**82%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live