

Immigrants Make Santa Rosa Metro Stronger

*An estimated **93,000** immigrants live in Santa Rosa, making up **19%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **24%** of households in Santa Rosa.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Santa Rosa's economy.

Some 23% of Santa Rosa's labor force are immigrants, including 19% of the construction industry, 80% of agriculture, 29% of manufacturing, 23% of business services, and 28% of leisure and hospitality.

About 2,000 immigrants in Santa Rosa work in STEM-related jobs, of which 7% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 14% of STEM degree holders in Santa Rosa are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Santa Rosa's communities.

Some 40,000 immigrants, or about 43% of all immigrants in Santa Rosa, are U.S. citizens. About 30,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 3,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 10% of individuals in Santa Rosa, or some 47,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 6,000 U.S. citizen children in Santa Rosa live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 13,000 undocumented individuals in Santa Rosa have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 8,000 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 3,000 and **contribute \$93 million annually to Santa Rosa's economy**. They also contribute \$13 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

An estimated 4,000 immigrants in Santa Rosa are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$48 million to Santa Rosa'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 Rosa's labor force, and paying an estimated \$14 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$3.3 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.1 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

9,000

Self-employed

20%

With college or advanced degrees

85%

Speak English

92%

Earn above the minimum needed to live