

Immigrants Make Seattle Metro Stronger

*An estimated **962,000** immigrants live in Seattle, making up **23%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **30%** of households in Seattle.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Seattle's economy.

Some 28% of Seattle's labor force are immigrants, including 29% of the construction industry, 37% of agriculture, 26% of manufacturing, 34% of business services, and 25% of leisure and hospitality.

About 158,000 immigrants in Seattle work in STEM-related jobs, of which 40% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 42% of STEM degree holders in Seattle are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Seattle's communities.

Some 418,000 immigrants, or about 43% of all immigrants in Seattle, are U.S. citizens. About 168,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 130,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 11% of individuals in Seattle, or some 465,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 77,000 U.S. citizen children in Seattle live with an undocumented parent, while some 20,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 113,000 undocumented individuals in Seattle have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 54,000 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 39,000 and **contribute \$1.6 billion annually to Seattle's economy**. They also contribute \$201 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 13,000 and **contributed \$358 million to Seattle's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 59,000 immigrants in Seattle are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$2.8 billion to Seattle'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 55,000 workers in Seattle's labor force, and paying an estimated \$426 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$57.5 billion

Annual spending power

\$22.6 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

78,000

Self-employed

51%

With college or advanced degrees

94%

Speak English

89%

Earn above the minimum needed to live