

# Immigrants Make Stockton Metro Stronger

*An estimated **236,000** immigrants live in Stockton, making up **28%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **40%** of households in Stockton.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of Stockton's economy.**

Some 34% of Stockton's labor force are immigrants, including 38% of the construction industry, 73% of agriculture, 41% of manufacturing, 39% of business services, and 29% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 12,000 immigrants in Stockton work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 43% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 56% of STEM degree holders in Stockton are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Stockton's communities.**

Some 101,000 immigrants, or about 43% of all immigrants in Stockton, are U.S. citizens. About 69,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 15,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 14% of individuals in Stockton, or some 115,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.**

Some 19,000 U.S. citizen children in Stockton live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 31,000 undocumented individuals in Stockton have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 18,000 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 10,000 and **contribute \$286 million annually to Stockton's economy**. They also contribute \$39 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 3,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 1,000 and **contributed \$13 million to Stockton's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 9,000 immigrants in Stockton are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$283 million to Stockton'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 8,000 workers in Stockton's labor force, and paying an estimated \$57 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$7.8 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$2.8 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**18,000**

Self-employed

**25%**

With college or advanced degrees

**87%**

Speak English

**87%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live