

Immigrants Make Tampa Metro Stronger

*An estimated **600,000** immigrants live in Tampa, making up **17%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **22%** of households in Tampa.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Tampa's economy.

Some 21% of Tampa's labor force are immigrants, including 30% of the construction industry, 60% of agriculture, 27% of manufacturing, 19% of business services, and 19% of leisure and hospitality.

About 33,000 immigrants in Tampa work in STEM-related jobs, of which 26% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 32% of STEM degree holders in Tampa are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Tampa's communities.

Some 285,000 immigrants, or about 47% of all immigrants in Tampa, are U.S. citizens. About 114,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 31,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 9% of individuals in Tampa, or some 316,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 49,000 U.S. citizen children in Tampa live with an undocumented parent, while some 17,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 51,000 undocumented individuals in Tampa have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 32,000 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 18,000 and **contribute \$562 million annually to Tampa's economy**. They also contribute \$68 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 16,000 and **contributed \$255 million to Tampa's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 68,000 immigrants in Tampa are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$1.5 billion to Tampa'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 54,000 workers in Tampa's labor force, and paying an estimated \$231 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$22.2 billion

Annual spending power

\$6.7 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

63,000

Self-employed

36%

With college or advanced degrees

88%

Speak English

87%

Earn above the minimum needed to live