

Immigrants Are Major Contributors to Texas's Leisure and Hospitality Industry

*An estimated **432,000** immigrants work in Texas's leisure and hospitality industry, making up **24%** of Texas's leisure and hospitality workforce.*

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Texas's leisure and hospitality industry. Some 103,000 immigrants, or about 24% of all immigrants in Texas's leisure and hospitality industry, are U.S. citizens. About 65,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 21,000 are temporary immigrants on a nonimmigrant visa.

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 40,000 workers in Texas's leisure and hospitality industry. Some 10,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 15,000 workers in Texas's leisure and hospitality industry. Meanwhile, an estimated 54,000 immigrants working in Texas's leisure and hospitality industry are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim.

Immigrant groups protected from deportation—DACA recipients, TPS holders, people seeking asylum, and those waiting for a permanent residency visa—**have access to work permits, making up an estimated 83,000 leisure and hospitality industry workers in Texas.**

\$9.6 billion

Annual combined income from immigrant leisure and hospitality industry workers

\$2.5 billion

Annual combined taxes paid by immigrant leisure and hospitality industry workers

45,000

Self-employed immigrant leisure and hospitality industry workers