

Immigrants Are Major Contributors to Texas's Wholesale and Retail Industry

*An estimated **500,000** immigrants work in Texas's wholesale and retail industry, making up **20%** of Texas's wholesale and retail workforce.*

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Texas's wholesale and retail industry. Some 202,000 immigrants, or about 40% of all immigrants in Texas's wholesale and retail industry, are U.S. citizens. About 78,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 24,000 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 32,000 workers in Texas's wholesale and retail 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 23,000 workers in Texas's wholesale and retail industry. Meanwhile, an estimated 46,000 immigrants working in Texas's wholesale and retail 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 75,000 wholesale and retail industry workers in Texas.**

\$18.1 billion

Annual combined income from immigrant wholesale and retail industry workers

\$5.6 billion

Annual combined taxes paid by immigrant wholesale and retail industry workers

54,000

Self-employed immigrant wholesale and retail industry workers