

Immigrants Make Texas Stronger

*An estimated **6,330,000** immigrants live in Texas, making up **20%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **27%** of households in Texas.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Texas's economy.

Some 24% of Texas's labor force are immigrants, including 40% of the construction industry, 28% of agriculture, 29% of manufacturing, 29% of business services, and 24% of leisure and hospitality.

About 408,000 immigrants in Texas work in STEM-related jobs, of which 30% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 37% of STEM degree holders in Texas are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Texas's communities. Some 2,241,000 immigrants, or about 35% of all immigrants in Texas, are U.S. citizens. About 1,184,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 426,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 15% of individuals in Texas, or some 4,774,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 1,012,000 U.S. citizen children in Texas live with an undocumented parent, while some 194,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 1,115,000 undocumented individuals in Texas have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 669,000 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 370,000 and **contribute \$10.3 billion annually to Texas's economy.** They also contribute \$1.3 billion in state and local taxes each year. Some 89,200 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 181,000 and **contributed \$4.1 billion to Texas's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 556,000 immigrants in Texas are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$13.1 billion to Texas'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 520,000 workers in Texas's labor force, and paying an estimated \$2.6 billion annually in state and local taxes.**

\$225 billion

Annual spending power

\$71 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

625,000

Self-employed

32%

With college or advanced degrees

84%

Speak English

83%

Earn above the minimum needed to live