

Immigrants Make Trenton Metro Stronger

*An estimated **114,000** immigrants live in Trenton, making up **29%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **38%** of households in Trenton.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Trenton's economy.

Some 39% of Trenton's labor force are immigrants, including 53% of the construction industry, 46% of agriculture, 39% of manufacturing, 44% of business services, and 44% of leisure and hospitality.

About 13,000 immigrants in Trenton work in STEM-related jobs, of which 26% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 59% of STEM degree holders in Trenton are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Trenton's communities.

Some 46,000 immigrants, or about 40% of all immigrants in Trenton, are U.S. citizens. About 22,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 10,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 19% of individuals in Trenton, or some 75,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 13,000 U.S. citizen children in Trenton live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 18,000 undocumented individuals in Trenton have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 9,000 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 5,000 and **contribute \$133 million annually to Trenton's economy**. They also contribute \$18 million in state and local taxes each year.

An estimated 12,000 immigrants in Trenton are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, contributing \$248 million to Trenton'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 9,000 workers in Trenton's labor force, and paying an estimated \$37 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$5.4 billion

Annual spending power

\$2.2 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

8,000

Self-employed

49%

With college or advanced degrees

89%

Speak English

92%

Earn above the minimum needed to live