

# Immigrants Are Major Contributors to the U.S. Leisure and Hospitality Industry

*An estimated **3,919,000** immigrants work in the U.S. leisure and hospitality industry, making up **20%** of the U.S. leisure and hospitality workforce.*

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost the U.S. leisure and hospitality industry.** Some 1,316,000 immigrants, or about 34% of all immigrants in the U.S. leisure and hospitality industry, are U.S. citizens. About 830,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 188,000 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 269,000 workers in the U.S. leisure and hospitality industry. Some 57,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 116,000 workers in the U.S. leisure and hospitality industry. Meanwhile, an estimated 398,000 immigrants working in the U.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 565,000 leisure and hospitality industry workers in the U.S.**

**\$107 billion**

Annual combined income from immigrant leisure and hospitality industry workers

**\$31 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid by immigrant leisure and hospitality industry workers

**389,000**

Self-employed immigrant leisure and hospitality industry workers