

# Immigrants Make Utah Stronger

*An estimated **395,000** immigrants live in Utah, making up **11%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **16%** of households in Utah.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of Utah's economy.**

Some 14% of Utah's labor force are immigrants, including 24% of the construction industry, 17% of agriculture, 20% of manufacturing, 20% of business services, and 17% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 23,000 immigrants in Utah work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 21% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 15% of STEM degree holders in Utah are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Utah's communities.** Some 124,000 immigrants, or about 32% of all immigrants in Utah, are U.S. citizens. About 61,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 25,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 10% of individuals in Utah, or some 344,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 65,000 U.S. citizen children in Utah live with an undocumented parent, while some 14,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 80,000 undocumented individuals in Utah have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 47,000 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 28,000 and **contribute \$800 million annually to Utah's economy.** They also contribute \$104 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 7,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 14,000 and **contributed \$371 million to Utah's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 43,000 immigrants in Utah are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$1.1 billion to Utah'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 43,000 workers in Utah's labor force, and paying an estimated \$223 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$13 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$4 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**31,000**

Self-employed

**30%**

With college or advanced degrees

**91%**

Speak English

**88%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live