

Immigrants Make Vallejo Metro Stronger

*An estimated **104,000** immigrants live in Vallejo, making up **23%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **34%** of households in Vallejo.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Vallejo's economy.

Some 26% of Vallejo's labor force are immigrants, including 27% of the construction industry, 59% of agriculture, 39% of manufacturing, 22% of business services, and 33% of leisure and hospitality.

About 4,000 immigrants in Vallejo work in STEM-related jobs, of which 11% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 29% of STEM degree holders in Vallejo are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Vallejo's communities.

Some 58,000 immigrants, or about 56% of all immigrants in Vallejo, are U.S. citizens. About 30,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 1,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 8% of individuals in Vallejo, or some 38,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 7,000 U.S. citizen children in Vallejo live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 10,000 undocumented individuals in Vallejo have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 6,000 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 2,000 and **contribute \$102 million annually to Vallejo's economy**. They also contribute \$15 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

An estimated 2,000 immigrants in Vallejo are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, contributing \$36 million to Vallejo'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 3,000 workers in Vallejo's labor force, and paying an estimated \$14 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$3.7 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.3 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

6,000

Self-employed

26%

With college or advanced degrees

94%

Speak English

91%

Earn above the minimum needed to live