

# Immigrants Make WA-1 Stronger

*An estimated **217,000** immigrants live in WA-1, making up **27%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **32%** of households in WA-1.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of WA-1's economy. Some 33% of WA-1's labor force are immigrants, including 23% of the construction industry, 19% of agriculture, 27% of manufacturing, 48% of business services, and 24% of leisure and hospitality.

About 58,000 immigrants in WA-1 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 43% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 57% of STEM degree holders in WA-1 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost WA-1's communities. Some 87,000 immigrants, or about 40% of all immigrants in WA-1, are U.S. citizens. About 33,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 49,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 12% of individuals in WA-1, or some 93,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 16,000 U.S. citizen children in WA-1 live with an undocumented parent, while some 5,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 25,000 undocumented individuals in WA-1 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 6,000 and contribute **\$337 million annually to WA-1's economy**. They also contribute \$41 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 2,000 and contributed **\$47 million to WA-1's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 17,000 immigrants in WA-1 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$1.1 billion to WA-1'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 13,000 workers in WA-1's labor force, and paying an estimated \$138 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$16.7 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$7.0 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**16,000**

Self-employed

**68%**

With college or advanced degrees

**97%**

Speak English

**94%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live