

Immigrants Make Yakima Metro Stronger

*An estimated **68,000** immigrants live in Yakima, making up **24%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **30%** of households in Yakima.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Yakima's economy.

Some 33% of Yakima's labor force are immigrants, including 34% of the construction industry, 79% of agriculture, 22% of manufacturing, 19% of business services, and 23% of leisure and hospitality.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Yakima's communities.

Some 17,000 immigrants, or about 25% of all immigrants in Yakima, are U.S. citizens. About 18,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 1,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 22% of individuals in Yakima, or some 61,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 12,000 U.S. citizen children in Yakima live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 23,000 undocumented individuals in Yakima have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 18,000 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 3,000 and **contribute \$75 million annually to Yakima's economy**. They also contribute \$11 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

An estimated 5,000 immigrants in Yakima are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, contributing \$26 million to Yakima'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 4,000 workers in Yakima's labor force, and paying an estimated \$11 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$1.5 billion

Annual spending power

\$423 million

Annual combined taxes paid

6,000

Self-employed

8%

With college or advanced degrees

77%

Speak English

78%

Earn above the minimum needed to live