Immigrants Make Utah Stronger

An estimated 352,000 immigrants live in Utah, making up 10% of the total population. Immigrants live in 15% of households in Utah.

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Utah's economy. Some 12% of Utah's labor force are immigrants, including 23% of the construction industry, 22% of agriculture, 20% of manufacturing, 11% of business services, and 13% of leisure and hospitality.

About 22,000 immigrants in Utah work in STEM-related jobs, of which 22% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 18% of STEM degree holders in Utah are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Utah's communities. Some 116,000 immigrants, or about 33% of all immigrants in Utah, are U.S. citizens. About 60,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 26,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 8% of individuals in Utah, or some 280,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 49,000 U.S. citizen children in Utah live with an undocumented parent, while some 12,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 62,000 undocumented individuals in Utah have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 44,000 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 29,000 and **contribute \$721 million annually to Utah's economy.** They also contribute \$87 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 7,100 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 16,000 and **contribute \$289 million to Utah's economy each year.** Meanwhile, an estimated 50,000 immigrants in Utah are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$760 million 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 45,000 workers in Utah's labor force, and paying an estimated \$166 million annually in state and local taxes. \$10.7 billion

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Annual spending power

\$3.1 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

30,000

Self-employed

11%

With college or advanced degrees

85% Speak English

80%

Earn above the minimum needed to live

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Data sources: FWD.us analysis of augmented 2023 American Community Survey data with immigrant status assignment according to FWD.us methodology and adjustments for 2024 population estimates (<u>fwd.us/acs-methodology</u>). Estimates may differ slightly from U.S. Census Bureau estimates because of adjustments made for undocumented immigrants and other immigrant groups, including most recent arrivals. For more information or additional data analysis, email <u>data@fwd.us</u>.