



IMMIGRANTS IN TEXAS



Texas is home to almost **5 million** immigrants, **15%** of all **28 million** people living in the state. ¹



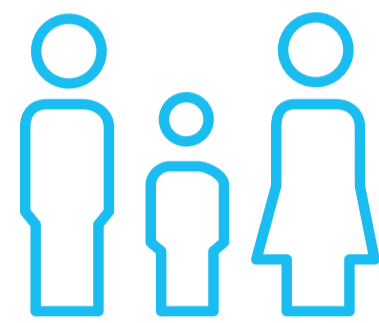
An estimated **70%** of immigrants in Texas live in the four metro areas of Houston, San Antonio, Dallas-Fort Worth and Austin metro areas. ²

1.6 MILLION UNDOCUMENTED

immigrants live in Texas ³

64% of undocumented immigrants in Texas have been living in the U.S. for **10+ years**.

22% have been living in the U.S. for **20+ years**.



2.5 MILLION CHILDREN

in Texas have at least one immigrant parent ⁴

88% of these children are U.S. citizens

12% are non-citizens

Texas is home to **115,290** Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients and **55,514** Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders. An additional **110,905** Dreamers without DACA live in Texas. Without a legislative solution, all of these individuals are or may soon become susceptible to deportation. ⁵

Immigrants in Texas Are Working

1 IN 5

TEXAS WORKERS IS AN IMMIGRANT

Immigrants in Texas aged 16+ account for **21.6%** of the state's total workforce. Immigrants in Texas are also more likely to participate in the workforce: About **67%** of the state's immigrants are in the workforce, compared to **64%** of the state's native-born population. ⁶

Immigrant-owned businesses in Texas employed **636,000** workers in 2016. Almost **385,000** immigrant entrepreneurs work in Texas. ⁷



Immigrant spending power in Texas added up to **\$109.9 billion** in 2017. ⁸

Percentage of Immigrant Workers in Texas Industries ⁹

41.2%

Construction

26%

Arts, entertainment, and recreation, accommodation & food services

25.8%

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)

21.3%

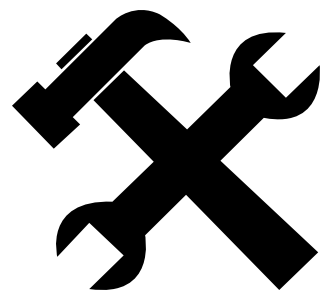
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining

20.1%

Healthcare (Nurses)

As the Texas economy booms, labor shortages are becoming a problem

CONSTRUCTION



In 2018, more than 3/4 of Texas construction firms reported they could not hire the workers they needed, causing delays in completion dates and increasing construction costs. ¹⁰

HEALTH CARE



A 2018 study projected that by 2030, Texas would have the second worst nursing shortage in the country (16,000 nurses). ¹¹

Already, reports in Texas show 475 federally designated “health care professional shortage areas” and 35 counties in Texas that lack a single doctor. ¹²

Immigrants Are Paying Taxes

Immigrant households in Texas paid

**\$35
BILLION**

in state, local and federal taxes in 2017 ¹³

Undocumented immigrants in Texas paid

**\$1.56
BILLION**

in state and local taxes in 2017 ¹⁴

Texas as a Border State

Most of the Texas Southern border is private land owned by families for generations. If property owners don't want to sell the land – the government has to seize it to build a border wall. ¹⁵

**1,150
MILES**

Texas is home to more than 1,150 miles along the Southern border that do not have border fencing. In many cases the terrain serves as a natural barrier.

**100
LAND
OWNERS**

Approximately 100 landowners have recently received government letters seeking access to their private land, the first step in cases of eminent domain.



**NATIONAL
IMMIGRATION
FORUM**