

Immigration is a top issue in 2021, but the national conversation often misses what is really happening on the ground in Colorado. It has become imperative that policy makers and the general public better understand the economic impacts of immigration in our communities and how modern immigration policies will benefit our state.

Immigrants make valuable contributions to the Colorado economy and workforce. They are workers and taxpayers who complement the domestic workforce and make contributions large and small to our companies and local communities.



## Colorado Immigrants and the Economy<sup>i</sup>

**537,334** immigrants reside in Colorado, and that number continues to grow.

Colorado immigrants paid **\$5.8 billion** in taxes and account for **\$15.6 billion** in spending power.

The **129,565** immigrant homeowners in Colorado hold a housing wealth of **\$56.6 billion**.

Immigrant-led households also paid **\$1.4 billion** in rent in Colorado.

There are **43,684** immigrant entrepreneurs in Colorado employing over **100,000** people, with a total business income of **\$1.2 billion**.



## Colorado Immigrants and the Workforce<sup>ii</sup>

**83%** of Colorado's foreign-born population are working age, allowing them to contribute extensively to our economy.

Immigrants are plugging gaps across the skills spectrum, from construction and hospitality to STEM and healthcare. Immigrants make up just under 10% of the state population but account for:

**35.5%** of construction laborers (construction),

**21.2%** of traveler accommodation (hospitality),

**13%** of STEM workers (science, technology, engineering and mathematics),

and **7%** of nurses and **15.8%** of health aides (healthcare).

For a breakdown by Colorado Congressional District visit [New American Economy](#).

i "Immigrants and the Economy in Colorado." New American Economy, 2019. <https://www.newamericaneconomy.org/locations/colorado>.

ii Ibid.