



From healthcare to Education Keeping Systems Running

Immigrants in Healthcare

The Backbone of U.S. Healthcare

Immigrants play a critical role in the U.S. healthcare system, from doctors to support staff, ensuring care for millions of Americans.

- ☑ More than **25%** of U.S. doctors are immigrants, providing essential care across the country.
- ☑ Immigrants make up **22%** of nursing assistants and **19%** of home health aides, supporting aging populations and vulnerable patients.
- ☑ During the COVID-19 pandemic, immigrant healthcare workers were vital to the response, making up a significant percentage of frontline workers.

Immigrants in Education

Shaping the Future Through Education

Immigrants are not only educators but also researchers and support staff who help shape the next generation.

- ☑ Immigrant teachers and professors make up **13%** of the education workforce, enriching classrooms with diverse perspectives and experiences.
- ☑ Immigrants in higher education often serve in critical research roles, with **28%** of researchers in STEM fields being foreign-born.
- ☑ Immigrants are instrumental in addressing teacher shortages, especially in underserved regions and subjects like math, science, and special education.

Immigrants in Agriculture

Keep America's Food Supply Flowing

Immigrants are essential to the agricultural sector, ensuring the nation's food supply remains stable and affordable.

- ☑ **73%** of U.S. farmworkers are immigrants, ensuring crops are planted, harvested, and delivered to markets.
- ☑ Immigrant workers are responsible for **over \$50 billion** in annual agricultural output, critical to feeding the U.S. population.
- ☑ Immigrant labor significantly reduces food costs for American consumers, making essential produce more affordable.

Immigrants in STEM and Innovation

Fuel Innovation and Growth in STEM Fields

Immigrants are driving innovation in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, which is crucial for the U.S.'s global competitiveness.

- ☑ Immigrants make up **17% of the U.S. STEM workforce**, contributing to advancements in technology, research, and medicine.
- ☑ **28% of researchers in the U.S.** are immigrants, making critical contributions in fields like biotechnology, engineering, and computer science.
- ☑ Immigrants have founded **50% of America's billion-dollar startups**, driving innovation and creating jobs in tech.

Immigrants in Critical Infrastructure

Keeping the Nation's Infrastructure Running

Immigrants work in construction, transportation, and utilities, sectors critical to maintaining the country's infrastructure.

- ☑ Immigrants represent **24% of the U.S. construction workforce**, building homes, roads, and essential infrastructure.
- ☑ **38% of workers in the U.S. landscaping industry** are immigrants, ensuring the upkeep of public spaces and urban environments.
- ☑ Immigrants are key to keeping the U.S. transportation sector running, making up **26% of workers** in industries like trucking and public transit.



Resources

Pew Research Center – They often report on public opinions related to immigration and social issues, including data about how immigrants are perceived in terms of crime and economic contributions.
<https://www.pewresearch.org/>

Cato Institute – The Cato Institute publishes research on immigration, particularly focusing on crime rates among immigrants versus native-born citizens.
<https://www.cato.org/>

American Immigration Council – This organization provides extensive data on the economic contributions of immigrants, including taxes, spending power, and entrepreneurial impacts.
<https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/>

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine – They publish reports on immigration's economic and fiscal impacts, including data on taxes and public resource use.
<https://www.nationalacademies.org/>

Migration Policy Institute – The MPI frequently publishes reports on the public safety impact of immigrants, refugee vetting processes, and their contributions to the economy.
<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/>

New American Economy – This organization focuses on immigrants' economic impact in the U.S., including data on entrepreneurship and labor market contributions.
<https://www.newamericaneconomy.org/>

The Center for American Progress – They release reports and fact sheets countering anti-immigrant rhetoric and provide statistics on immigrants' economic and social contributions.
<https://www.americanprogress.org/>

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – DHS provides data on the security screening process for refugees and immigrants, including vetting procedures and national security concerns.
<https://www.dhs.gov/>

The National Immigration Forum – They provide resources and statistics regarding the contributions of immigrants to society and debunk myths about crime and economic harm.
<https://immigrationforum.org/>