



Infographic

The Economic Value of Work Permits For H-4 Visa Holders

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A new rule by the Department of Homeland Security seeks to rescind work authorization for H-4 visa holders who are spouses of H-1B workers—but is this rule good for the U.S. economy? AAF's latest infographic breaks it down.

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? **IS THIS RULE GOOD FOR THE U.S. ECONOMY** ??

H-4 SPOUSES' ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS

\$12.9 BILLION
per year



H-4 SPOUSES' EDUCATION LEVELS

Compared to the overall U.S. working population, H-4 workers are more educated, on average.

7%
PROFESSIONAL
DEGREE

6%
DOCTORATE
DEGREE

34%
MASTER'S
DEGREE

41%
BACHELOR'S
DEGREE

5%
SOME
COLLEGE

8%
HIGH SCHOOL
OR LESS

IF EVERY
eligible H-4 visa holder
were to obtain employment
authorization, their
economic contribution
would be

**\$41
BILLION**
per year



H-4 SPOUSES' EARNINGS

The earnings of H-4 workers are roughly in line with the earnings of the overall population.

H-4 WORKERS

\$57,077
MEAN EARNINGS

\$35,000
MEDIAN EARNINGS

VS.

U.S. POPULATION

\$51,812
MEAN EARNINGS

\$36,000
MEDIAN EARNINGS

DID YOU KNOW...



OVER 20%
of these workers are employed
in the professional, scientific, or
technical services industry.

IT'S NOT GOOD POLICY

to deny H-4 visa holders the right to work when they are legally allowed to live in the United States. This change will ultimately hurt the U.S. economy.

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