Infographic

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

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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		U.S. Population
$57,077 mean earnings	vs.	$51,812 mean earnings
$35,000 median 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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