



**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.

# THE ECONOMIC VALUE

## OF WORK PERMITS FOR H-4 VISA HOLDERS

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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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