

# Immigrants Make FL-28 Stronger

*An estimated **457,000** immigrants live in FL-28, making up **54%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **71%** of households in FL-28.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of FL-28's economy. Some 62% of FL-28's labor force are immigrants, including 72% of the construction industry, 90% of agriculture, 67% of manufacturing, 63% of business services, and 49% of leisure and hospitality.

About 11,000 immigrants in FL-28 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 5% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 71% of STEM degree holders in FL-28 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost FL-28's communities. Some 230,000 immigrants, or about 50% of all immigrants in FL-28, are U.S. citizens. About 93,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 9,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 22% of individuals in FL-28, or some 191,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 16,000 U.S. citizen children in FL-28 live with an undocumented parent, while some 8,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 25,000 undocumented individuals in FL-28 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 13,000 of those living in the U.S. for more than 20 years.

**Dreamers**—undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. as children before 2021 and are either in school or have graduated from high school—number 11,000 and **contribute \$219 million annually to FL-28's economy**. They also contribute \$27 million in state and local taxes each year.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 26,000 and **contribute \$417 million to FL-28's economy each year**. Meanwhile, an estimated 53,000 immigrants in FL-28 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$617 million to FL-28's economy annually.

**Immigrant groups currently protected from deportation**—DACA recipients, TPS holders, people seeking asylum, and those waiting for a permanent residency visa—**have access to work authorizations, making up an estimated 34,000 workers in FL-28's labor force, and paying an estimated \$114 million annually in state and local taxes**.

**\$12.8 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$3.4 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**50,000**

Self-employed

**11%**

With college or advanced degrees

**80%**

Speak English

**87%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live