

# Immigrants Make IA-2 Stronger

*An estimated **38,000** immigrants live in IA-2, making up **5%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **6%** of households in IA-2.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of IA-2's economy.** Some 5% of IA-2's labor force are immigrants, including 7% of the construction industry, 5% of agriculture, 9% of manufacturing, X9% of business services, and 5% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 2,000 immigrants in IA-2 work in STEM-related jobs,** of which 49% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 15% of STEM degree holders in IA-2 are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost IA-2's communities.** Some 11,000 immigrants, or about 30% of all immigrants in IA-2, are U.S. citizens. About 12,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 4,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 21,000 individuals in IA-2 are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 3,000 U.S. citizen children in IA-2 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 6,000 undocumented individuals in IA-2 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 4,000 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 3,000 and **contribute \$181 million annually to IA-2's economy.** They also contribute \$21 million in state and local taxes each year.

An estimated 2,000 immigrants in IA-2 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$30 million to IA-2'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 2,000 workers in IA-2's labor force.**

**\$1.2 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$337 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**3,000**

Self-employed

**16%**

With college or advanced degrees

**92%**

Speak English

**92%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live