

# Immigrants Make Jacksonville Stronger

*An estimated **133,000** immigrants live in Jacksonville, making up **13%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **16%** of households in Jacksonville.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of Jacksonville's economy.**

Some 15% of Jacksonville's labor force are immigrants, including 22% of the construction industry, 19% of manufacturing, 15% of business services, and 19% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 8,000 immigrants in Jacksonville work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 25% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 33% of STEM degree holders in Jacksonville are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Jacksonville's communities.**

Some 61,000 immigrants, or about 46% of all immigrants in Jacksonville, are U.S. citizens. About 28,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 10,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 6% of individuals in Jacksonville, or some 59,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.**

Some 8,000 U.S. citizen children in Jacksonville live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 9,000 undocumented individuals in Jacksonville have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 3,000 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 \$60 million annually to Jacksonville's economy**. They also contribute \$8 million in state and local taxes each year.

**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 8,000 workers in Jacksonville's labor force, and paying an estimated \$27 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$4.8 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$1.4 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**14,000**

Self-employed

**38%**

With college or advanced degrees

**86%**

Speak English

**85%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live