

# Immigrants Make MD-6 Stronger

*An estimated **148,000** immigrants live in MD-6, making up **19%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **24%** of households in MD-6.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of MD-6's economy.** Some 22% of MD-6's labor force are immigrants, including 27% of the construction industry, 27% of manufacturing, 26% of business services, and 26% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 16,000 immigrants in MD-6 work in STEM-related jobs,** of which 12% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 33% of STEM degree holders in MD-6 are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost MD-6's communities.** Some 75,000 immigrants, or about 51% of all immigrants in MD-6, are U.S. citizens. About 34,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 7,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 9% of individuals in MD-6, or some 72,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 13,000 U.S. citizen children in MD-6 live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 18,000 undocumented individuals in MD-6 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 10,000 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 9,000 and **contribute \$193 million annually to MD-6's economy.** They also contribute \$28 million in state and local taxes each year.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 4,000 and **contribute \$125 million to MD-6's economy each year.** Meanwhile, an estimated 8,000 immigrants in MD-6 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$144 million to MD-6'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 7,000 workers in MD-6's labor force, and paying an estimated \$38 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$6.0 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$2.2 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**13,000**

Self-employed

**23%**

With college or advanced degrees

**96%**

Speak English

**94%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live