

# Immigrants Make MD-8 Stronger

*An estimated **259,000** immigrants live in MD-8, making up **33%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **45%** of households in MD-8.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of MD-8's economy. Some 39% of MD-8's labor force are immigrants, including 66% of the construction industry, 57% of agriculture, 43% of manufacturing, 35% of business services, and 36% of leisure and hospitality.

About 26,000 immigrants in MD-8 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 13% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 43% of STEM degree holders in MD-8 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost MD-8's communities. Some 132,000 immigrants, or about 51% of all immigrants in MD-8, are U.S. citizens. About 58,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 16,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 14% of individuals in MD-8, or some 108,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 19,000 U.S. citizen children in MD-8 live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 26,000 undocumented individuals in MD-8 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 8,000 and contribute **\$212 million annually to MD-8's economy**. They also contribute \$29 million in state and local taxes each year.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 6,000 and contribute **\$165 million to MD-8's economy each year**. Meanwhile, an estimated 13,000 immigrants in MD-8 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$258 million to MD-8'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 **12,000 workers in MD-8's labor force, and paying an estimated \$62 million annually in state and local taxes**.

**\$11.7 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$4.5 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**25,000**

Self-employed

**25%**

With college or advanced degrees

**95%**

Speak English

**92%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live