## **Immigrants Make North Dakota Stronger**

An estimated 37,000 immigrants live in North Dakota, making up 5% of the total population. Immigrants live in 6% of households in North Dakota.

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of North Dakota's economy.** Some 6% of North Dakota's labor force are immigrants, including, 13% of agriculture, 7% of manufacturing.

About 2,000 immigrants in North Dakota work in STEM-related jobs, of which 7% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 10% of STEM degree holders in North Dakota are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost North Dakota's communities.** Some 13,000 immigrants, or about 36% of all immigrants in North Dakota, are U.S. citizens. About 5,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 5,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 19,000 of individuals in North Dakota are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 2,000 U.S. citizen children in North Dakota live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 5,000 undocumented individuals in North Dakota have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 1,000 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 4,000 and **contribute \$115 million annually to North Dakota's economy.** They also contribute \$11 million in state and local taxes each year.



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Annual spending power

\$400 million

Annual combined taxes paid

**1,000** Self-employed

**15**%

With college or advanced degrees

95% Speak English

**91%** Earn above the minimum needed to live

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