

Immigrants Make AL-5 Stronger

*An estimated **45,000** immigrants live in AL-5, making up **6%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **8%** of households in AL-5.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of AL-5's economy. Some 7% of AL-5's labor force are immigrants, including 13% of the construction industry, 10% of agriculture, 6% of manufacturing, 11% of business services, and 4% of leisure and hospitality.

About 3,000 immigrants in AL-5 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 6% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 9% of STEM degree holders in AL-5 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost AL-5's communities. Some 13,000 immigrants, or about 30% of all immigrants in AL-5, are U.S. citizens. About 7,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 6% of individuals in AL-5, or some 45,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 10,000 U.S. citizen children in AL-5 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 10,000 undocumented individuals in AL-5 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 6,000 and contribute **\$162 million annually to AL-5's economy**. They also contribute \$21 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 1,000 and contributed **\$27 million to AL-5's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 4,000 immigrants in AL-5 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$95 million to AL-5'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 4,000 workers in AL-5's labor force, and paying an estimated \$21 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$1.6 billion

Annual spending power

\$476 million

Annual combined taxes paid

5,000

Self-employed

36%

With college or advanced degrees

93%

Speak English

88%

Earn above the minimum needed to live