

Immigrants Make AR-2 Stronger

*An estimated **45,000** immigrants live in AR-2, making up **6%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **6%** of households in AR-2.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of AR-2's economy. Some 6% of AR-2's labor force are immigrants, including 16% of the construction industry, 10% of agriculture, 5% of manufacturing, 10% of business services, and 6% of leisure and hospitality.

About 2,000 immigrants in AR-2 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 35% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 10% of STEM degree holders in AR-2 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost AR-2's communities. Some 13,000 immigrants, or about 29% of all immigrants in AR-2, are U.S. citizens. About 7,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 4,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 5% of individuals in AR-2, or some 35,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 5,000 U.S. citizen children in AR-2 live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 8,000 undocumented individuals in AR-2 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 5,000 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 2,000 and **contribute \$37 million annually to AR-2's economy.** They also contribute \$5 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

An estimated 3,000 immigrants in AR-2 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$69 million to AR-2'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 2,000 workers in AR-2's labor force, and paying an estimated \$12 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$1.3 billion

Annual spending power

\$379 million

Annual combined taxes paid

2,000

Self-employed

32%

With college or advanced degrees

97%

Speak English

72%

Earn above the minimum needed to live