

Immigrants Make AR-3 Stronger

*An estimated **102,000** immigrants live in AR-3, making up **12%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **15%** of households in AR-3.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of AR-3's economy. Some 16% of AR-3's labor force are immigrants, including 31% of the construction industry, 20% of agriculture, 27% of manufacturing, 15% of business services, and 12% of leisure and hospitality.

About **6,000** immigrants in AR-3 work in **STEM-related jobs**, of which 37% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 22% of STEM degree holders in AR-3 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost AR-3's communities. Some 27,000 immigrants, or about 27% of all immigrants in AR-3, are U.S. citizens. About 17,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 6,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated **12%** of individuals in AR-3, or some **101,000**, are either **undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant**. Some 26,000 U.S. citizen children in AR-3 live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 28,000 undocumented individuals in AR-3 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 17,000 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 7,000 and **contribute \$285 million annually to AR-3's economy**. They also contribute \$38 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 5,000 and **contributed \$113 million to AR-3's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 13,000 immigrants in AR-3 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$295 million to AR-3'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 13,000 workers in AR-3's labor force, and paying an estimated \$77 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$3.4 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.1 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

5,000

Self-employed

24%

With college or advanced degrees

81%

Speak English

90%

Earn above the minimum needed to live