

# Immigrants Make AZ-3 Stronger

*An estimated **229,000** immigrants live in AZ-3, making up **26%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **36%** of households in AZ-3.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of AZ-3's economy.** Some 32% of AZ-3's labor force are immigrants, including 56% of the construction industry, 31% of agriculture, 35% of manufacturing, 39% of business services, and 25% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 4,000 immigrants in AZ-3 work in STEM-related jobs,** of which 16% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 28% of STEM degree holders in AZ-3 are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost AZ-3's communities.** Some 63,000 immigrants, or about 28% of all immigrants in AZ-3, are U.S. citizens. About 64,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 6,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 24% of individuals in AZ-3, or some 212,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 44,000 U.S. citizen children in AZ-3 live with an undocumented parent, while some 7,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 51,000 undocumented individuals in AZ-3 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 40,000 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 18,000 and **contribute \$499 million annually to AZ-3's economy.** They also contribute \$61 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 9,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**An estimated 17,000 immigrants in AZ-3 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim,** and contribute \$423 million to AZ-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 21,000 workers in AZ-3's labor force, and paying an estimated \$91 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$6.4 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$1.7 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**21,000**

Self-employed

**14%**

With college or advanced degrees

**81%**

Speak English

**85%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live