

Immigrants Make AZ-7 Stronger

*An estimated **159,000** immigrants live in AZ-7, making up **19%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **24%** of households in AZ-7.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of AZ-7's economy. Some 22% of AZ-7's labor force are immigrants, including 29% of the construction industry, 60% of agriculture, 29% of manufacturing, 26% of business services, and 14% of leisure and hospitality.

About **5,000** immigrants in AZ-7 work in **STEM-related jobs**, of which 17% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 25% of STEM degree holders in AZ-7 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost AZ-7's communities. Some 69,000 immigrants, or about 43% of all immigrants in AZ-7, are U.S. citizens. About 45,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 4,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated **11%** of individuals in AZ-7, or some **92,000**, are either **undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant**. Some 18,000 U.S. citizen children in AZ-7 live with an undocumented parent, while some 6,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 21,000 undocumented individuals in AZ-7 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 14,000 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 9,000 and **contribute \$217 million annually to AZ-7's economy**. They also contribute \$26 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 4,000 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 \$26 million to AZ-7's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 6,000 immigrants in AZ-7 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$114 million to AZ-7'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 8,000 workers in AZ-7's labor force, and paying an estimated \$33 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$4.4 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.2 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

12,000

Self-employed

21%

With college or advanced degrees

85%

Speak English

87%

Earn above the minimum needed to live