

# Immigrants Make CA-11 Stronger

*An estimated **236,000** immigrants live in CA-11, making up **33%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **43%** of households in CA-11.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of CA-11's economy. Some 34% of CA-11's labor force are immigrants, including 47% of the construction industry, 27% of agriculture, 44% of manufacturing, 28% of business services, and 43% of leisure and hospitality.

About 33,000 immigrants in CA-11 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 33% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 40% of STEM degree holders in CA-11 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost CA-11's communities. Some 132,000 immigrants, or about 56% of all immigrants in CA-11, are U.S. citizens. About 43,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 26,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 9% of individuals in CA-11, or some 66,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 6,000 U.S. citizen children in CA-11 live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 20,000 undocumented individuals in CA-11 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 8,000 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 8,000 and contribute **\$417 million annually to CA-11's economy**. They also contribute \$63 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 **\$39 million to CA-11's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 7,000 immigrants in CA-11 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$333 million to CA-11'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 CA-11's labor force, and paying an estimated \$71 million annually in state and local taxes**.

**\$15.0 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$6.9 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**17,000**

Self-employed

**51%**

With college or advanced degrees

**92%**

Speak English

**90%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live