

Immigrants Make CA-12 Stronger

*An estimated **216,000** immigrants live in CA-12, making up **29%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **38%** of households in CA-12.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of CA-12's economy. Some 31% of CA-12's labor force are immigrants, including 56% of the construction industry, 57% of agriculture, 40% of manufacturing, 29% of business services, and 34% of leisure and hospitality.

About 17,000 immigrants in CA-12 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 23% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 31% of STEM degree holders in CA-12 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost CA-12's communities. Some 107,000 immigrants, or about 49% of all immigrants in CA-12, are U.S. citizens. About 57,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 12,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 12% of individuals in CA-12, or some 88,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 13,000 U.S. citizen children in CA-12 live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 23,000 undocumented individuals in CA-12 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 11,000 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 **\$226 million annually to CA-12's economy**. They also contribute \$33 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 **\$31 million to CA-12's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 11,000 immigrants in CA-12 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$277 million to CA-12'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 10,000 workers in CA-12's labor force, and paying an estimated \$69 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$9.0 billion

Annual spending power

\$3.5 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

23,000

Self-employed

37%

With college or advanced degrees

88%

Speak English

86%

Earn above the minimum needed to live