

# Immigrants Make CA-16 Stronger

*An estimated **303,000** immigrants live in CA-16, making up **41%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **57%** of households in CA-16.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of CA-16's economy. Some 49% of CA-16's labor force are immigrants, including 57% of the construction industry, 65% of agriculture, 57% of manufacturing, 51% of business services, and 41% of leisure and hospitality.

About **66,000** immigrants in CA-16 work in **STEM-related jobs**, of which 30% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 61% of STEM degree holders in CA-16 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost CA-16's communities. Some 144,000 immigrants, or about 48% of all immigrants in CA-16, are U.S. citizens. About 61,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 46,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated **14%** of individuals in CA-16, or some **104,000**, are either **undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant**. Some 14,000 U.S. citizen children in CA-16 live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 27,000 undocumented individuals in CA-16 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 13,000 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 6,000 and **contribute \$265 million annually to CA-16's economy**. They also contribute \$40 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 2,000 and **contributed \$65 million to CA-16's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 19,000 immigrants in CA-16 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$767 million to CA-16'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 17,000 workers in CA-16's labor force, and paying an estimated \$149 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$23.3 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$11.6 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**27,000**

Self-employed

**63%**

With college or advanced degrees

**94%**

Speak English

**93%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live