

Immigrants Make CA-18 Stronger

*An estimated **304,000** immigrants live in CA-18, making up **38%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **50%** of households in CA-18.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of CA-18's economy. Some 47% of CA-18's labor force are immigrants, including 51% of the construction industry, 86% of agriculture, 57% of manufacturing, 52% of business services, and 39% of leisure and hospitality.

About 25,000 immigrants in CA-18 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 43% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 59% of STEM degree holders in CA-18 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost CA-18's communities. Some 104,000 immigrants, or about 34% of all immigrants in CA-18, are U.S. citizens. About 98,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 20,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 22% of individuals in CA-18, or some 179,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 30,000 U.S. citizen children in CA-18 live with an undocumented parent, while some 7,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 59,000 undocumented individuals in CA-18 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 38,000 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 12,000 and **contribute \$397 million annually to CA-18's economy.** They also contribute \$56 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 3,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

An estimated 9,000 immigrants in CA-18 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$433 million to CA-18'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 15,000 workers in CA-18's labor force, and paying an estimated \$105 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$11.8 billion

Annual spending power

\$4.6 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

21,000

Self-employed

24%

With college or advanced degrees

77%

Speak English

89%

Earn above the minimum needed to live