

Immigrants Make CA-19 Stronger

*An estimated **200,000** immigrants live in CA-19, making up **27%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **38%** of households in CA-19.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of CA-19's economy. Some 33% of CA-19's labor force are immigrants, including 26% of the construction industry, 69% of agriculture, 45% of manufacturing, 36% of business services, and 26% of leisure and hospitality.

About 23,000 immigrants in CA-19 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 15% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 48% of STEM degree holders in CA-19 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost CA-19's communities. Some 102,000 immigrants, or about 51% of all immigrants in CA-19, are U.S. citizens. About 48,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 9,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 13% of individuals in CA-19, or some 95,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 15,000 U.S. citizen children in CA-19 live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 31,000 undocumented individuals in CA-19 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 20,000 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 **\$250 million annually to CA-19's economy**. They also contribute \$34 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 **\$25 million to CA-19's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 4,000 immigrants in CA-19 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$193 million to CA-19'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 **7,000 workers in CA-19's labor force, and paying an estimated \$53 million annually in state and local taxes**.

\$10.8 billion

Annual spending power

\$4.9 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

14,000

Self-employed

40%

With college or advanced degrees

89%

Speak English

93%

Earn above the minimum needed to live