

# Immigrants Make CA-22 Stronger

*An estimated **240,000** immigrants live in CA-22, making up **29%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **43%** of households in CA-22.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of CA-22's economy. Some 39% of CA-22's labor force are immigrants, including 40% of the construction industry, 79% of agriculture, 40% of manufacturing, 34% of business services, and 31% of leisure and hospitality.

About **2,000** immigrants in CA-22 work in **STEM-related jobs**, of which 16% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 31% of STEM degree holders in CA-22 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost CA-22's communities. Some 74,000 immigrants, or about 31% of all immigrants in CA-22, are U.S. citizens. About 104,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 4,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated **15%** of individuals in CA-22, or some **122,000**, are either **undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant**. Some 25,000 U.S. citizen children in CA-22 live with an undocumented parent, while some 7,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 47,000 undocumented individuals in CA-22 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 32,000 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 10,000 and **contribute \$283 million annually to CA-22's economy**. They also contribute \$38 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 3,000 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 \$28 million to CA-22's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 4,000 immigrants in CA-22 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$82 million to CA-22'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 9,000 workers in CA-22's labor force, and paying an estimated \$49 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$5.7 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$1.6 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**20,000**

Self-employed

**8%**

With college or advanced degrees

**77%**

Speak English

**79%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live