

# Immigrants Make CA-36 Stronger

*An estimated **177,000** immigrants live in CA-36, making up **24%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **35%** of households in CA-36.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of CA-36's economy. Some 26% of CA-36's labor force are immigrants, including 30% of the construction industry, 31% of agriculture, 27% of manufacturing, 23% of business services, and 29% of leisure and hospitality.

About 13,000 immigrants in CA-36 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 28% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 38% of STEM degree holders in CA-36 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost CA-36's communities. Some 95,000 immigrants, or about 54% of all immigrants in CA-36, are U.S. citizens. About 34,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 19,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 7% of individuals in CA-36, or some 54,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 5,000 U.S. citizen children in CA-36 live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 17,000 undocumented individuals in CA-36 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 8,000 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 7,000 and contribute **\$339 million annually to CA-36's economy**. They also contribute \$51 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 1,000 and **contributed \$71 million to CA-36's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 3,000 immigrants in CA-36 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$74 million to CA-36'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 4,000 workers in CA-36's labor force, and paying an estimated \$36 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$10.4 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$4.5 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**23,000**

Self-employed

**59%**

With college or advanced degrees

**87%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live