

# Immigrants Make CA-44 Stronger

*An estimated **270,000** immigrants live in CA-44, making up **35%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **46%** of households in CA-44.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of CA-44's economy. Some 40% of CA-44's labor force are immigrants, including 56% of the construction industry, 58% of agriculture, 54% of manufacturing, 39% of business services, and 41% of leisure and hospitality.

About **5,000** immigrants in CA-44 work in **STEM-related jobs**, of which 13% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 36% of STEM degree holders in CA-44 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost CA-44's communities. Some 137,000 immigrants, or about 51% of all immigrants in CA-44, are U.S. citizens. About 81,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 5,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated **16%** of individuals in CA-44, or some **123,000**, are either **undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant**. Some 19,000 U.S. citizen children in CA-44 live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 36,000 undocumented individuals in CA-44 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 28,000 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 \$243 million annually to CA-44's economy**. They also contribute \$32 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 5,000 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 \$26 million to CA-44's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 7,000 immigrants in CA-44 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$131 million to CA-44'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 10,000 workers in CA-44's labor force, and paying an estimated \$46 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$7.7 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$2.6 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**24,000**

Self-employed

**17%**

With college or advanced degrees

**88%**

Speak English

**87%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live