

# Immigrants Make CA-46 Stronger

*An estimated **320,000** immigrants live in CA-46, making up **40%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **57%** of households in CA-46.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of CA-46's economy. Some 47% of CA-46's labor force are immigrants, including 59% of the construction industry, 81% of agriculture, 59% of manufacturing, 47% of business services, and 48% of leisure and hospitality.

About 10,000 immigrants in CA-46 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 3% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 52% of STEM degree holders in CA-46 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost CA-46's communities. Some 136,000 immigrants, or about 42% of all immigrants in CA-46, are U.S. citizens. About 106,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 5,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 23% of individuals in CA-46, or some 188,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 31,000 U.S. citizen children in CA-46 live with an undocumented parent, while some 5,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 62,000 undocumented individuals in CA-46 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 49,000 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 15,000 and contribute **\$521 million annually to CA-46's economy**. They also contribute \$74 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 7,000 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 **\$34 million to CA-46's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 7,000 immigrants in CA-46 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$186 million to CA-46'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 **12,000 workers in CA-46's labor force, and paying an estimated \$66 million annually in state and local taxes**.

**\$9.5 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$3.2 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**29,000**

Self-employed

**18%**

With college or advanced degrees

**90%**

Speak English

**89%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live