

# Immigrants Make CA-48 Stronger

*An estimated **163,000** immigrants live in CA-48, making up **20%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **32%** of households in CA-48.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of CA-48's economy.** Some 24% of CA-48's labor force are immigrants, including 25% of the construction industry, 35% of agriculture, 31% of manufacturing, 23% of business services, and 27% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 10,000 immigrants in CA-48 work in STEM-related jobs,** of which 7% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 35% of STEM degree holders in CA-48 are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost CA-48's communities.** Some 92,000 immigrants, or about 57% of all immigrants in CA-48, are U.S. citizens. About 43,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 3,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 9% of individuals in CA-48, or some 70,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 15,000 U.S. citizen children in CA-48 live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 16,000 undocumented individuals in CA-48 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 11,000 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 6,000 and **contribute \$202 million annually to CA-48's economy.** They also contribute \$27 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**An estimated 3,000 immigrants in CA-48 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim,** and contribute \$71 million to CA-48'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-48's labor force, and paying an estimated \$27 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$6.1 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$2.3 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**16,000**

Self-employed

**32%**

With college or advanced degrees

**93%**

Speak English

**90%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live