

# Immigrants Make CA-7 Stronger

*An estimated **215,000** immigrants live in CA-7, making up **28%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **38%** of households in CA-7.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of CA-7's economy. Some 32% of CA-7's labor force are immigrants, including 41% of the construction industry, 47% of agriculture, 50% of manufacturing, 33% of business services, and 29% of leisure and hospitality.

About 11,000 immigrants in CA-7 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 11% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 35% of STEM degree holders in CA-7 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost CA-7's communities. Some 116,000 immigrants, or about 54% of all immigrants in CA-7, are U.S. citizens. About 58,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 7,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 10% of individuals in CA-7, or some 81,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 9,000 U.S. citizen children in CA-7 live with an undocumented parent, while some 5,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 21,000 undocumented individuals in CA-7 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 16,000 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 8,000 and contribute **\$247 million annually to CA-7's economy**. They also contribute \$35 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,000 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 **\$5 million to CA-7's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 4,000 immigrants in CA-7 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$104 million to CA-7'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 5,000 workers in CA-7's labor force, and paying an estimated \$33 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$7.6 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$2.7 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**18,000**

Self-employed

**31%**

With college or advanced degrees

**93%**

Speak English

**89%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live