

# Immigrants Make CO-2 Stronger

*An estimated **69,000** immigrants live in CO-2, making up **10%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **14%** of households in CO-2.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of CO-2's economy.** Some 11% of CO-2's labor force are immigrants, including 16% of the construction industry, 7% of agriculture, 11% of manufacturing, 12% of business services, and 10% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 7,000 immigrants in CO-2 work in STEM-related jobs,** of which 19% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 13% of STEM degree holders in CO-2 are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost CO-2's communities.** Some 30,000 immigrants, or about 43% of all immigrants in CO-2, are U.S. citizens. About 13,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 7,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 6% of individuals in CO-2, or some 40,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 7,000 U.S. citizen children in CO-2 live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 12,000 undocumented individuals in CO-2 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 5,000 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 \$223 million annually to CO-2's economy.** They also contribute \$27 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**An estimated 2,000 immigrants in CO-2 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim,** and contribute \$86 million to CO-2'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 3,000 workers in CO-2's labor force, and paying an estimated \$17 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$3.4 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$1.3 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**8,000**

Self-employed

**49%**

With college or advanced degrees

**97%**

Speak English

**83%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live