

Immigrants Make CO-3 Stronger

*An estimated **39,000** immigrants live in CO-3, making up **5%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **9%** of households in CO-3.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of CO-3's economy. Some 7% of CO-3's labor force are immigrants, including 8% of the construction industry, 12% of agriculture, 5% of manufacturing, 8% of business services, and 9% of leisure and hospitality.

About 1,000 immigrants in CO-3 work in STEM-related jobs. In all, 6% of STEM degree holders in CO-3 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost CO-3's communities. Some 16,000 immigrants, or about 41% of all immigrants in CO-3, are U.S. citizens. About 8,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 3% of individuals in CO-3, or some 23,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 4,000 U.S. citizen children in CO-3 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 9,000 undocumented individuals in CO-3 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 6,000 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 2,000 and **contribute \$55 million annually to CO-3's economy.** They also contribute \$6 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

An estimated 1,000 immigrants in CO-3 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$23 million to CO-3'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 2,000 workers in CO-3's labor force, and paying an estimated \$6 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$1.4 billion

Annual spending power

\$403 million

Annual combined taxes paid

5,000

Self-employed

30%

With college or advanced degrees

94%

Speak English

85%

Earn above the minimum needed to live