

# Immigrants Make CO-6 Stronger

*An estimated **171,000** immigrants live in CO-6, making up **22%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **22%** of households in CO-6.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of CO-6's economy. Some 25% of CO-6's labor force are immigrants, including 34% of the construction industry, 3% of agriculture, 16% of manufacturing, 28% of business services, and 25% of leisure and hospitality.

About 10,000 immigrants in CO-6 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 16% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 21% of STEM degree holders in CO-6 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost CO-6's communities. Some 54,000 immigrants, or about 32% of all immigrants in CO-6, are U.S. citizens. About 27,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 10,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 15% of individuals in CO-6, or some 118,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 16,000 U.S. citizen children in CO-6 live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 24,000 undocumented individuals in CO-6 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 15,000 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 9,000 and contribute **\$202 million annually to CO-6's economy**. They also contribute \$24 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 16,000 and contributed **\$157 million to CO-6's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 39,000 immigrants in CO-6 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$664 million to CO-6'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 28,000 workers in CO-6's labor force, and paying an estimated \$96 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$6.0 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$2.0 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**11,000**

Self-employed

**32%**

With college or advanced degrees

**91%**

Speak English

**78%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live