

# Immigrants Make CO-7 Stronger

*An estimated **63,000** immigrants live in CO-7, making up **9%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **11%** of households in CO-7.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of CO-7's economy.** Some 9% of CO-7's labor force are immigrants, including 14% of the construction industry, 29% of agriculture, 8% of manufacturing, 8% of business services, and 8% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 4,000 immigrants in CO-7 work in STEM-related jobs,** of which 24% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 10% of STEM degree holders in CO-7 are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost CO-7's communities.** Some 23,000 immigrants, or about 36% of all immigrants in CO-7, are U.S. citizens. About 11,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 5,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 6% of individuals in CO-7, or some 41,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 6,000 U.S. citizen children in CO-7 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 7,000 undocumented individuals in CO-7 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 4,000 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 3,000 and **contribute \$73 million annually to CO-7's economy.** They also contribute \$8 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**An estimated 5,000 immigrants in CO-7 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim,** and contribute \$163 million to CO-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 6,000 workers in CO-7's labor force, and paying an estimated \$22 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$2.6 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$913 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**6,000**

Self-employed

**41%**

With college or advanced degrees

**87%**

Speak English

**78%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live