

Immigrants Make CO-8 Stronger

*An estimated **108,000** immigrants live in CO-8, making up **14%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **19%** of households in CO-8.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of CO-8's economy. Some 17% of CO-8's labor force are immigrants, including 28% of the construction industry, 25% of agriculture, 20% of manufacturing, 11% of business services, and 18% of leisure and hospitality.

About 3,000 immigrants in CO-8 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 21% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 15% of STEM degree holders in CO-8 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost CO-8's communities. Some 37,000 immigrants, or about 34% of all immigrants in CO-8, are U.S. citizens. About 28,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 4,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 12% of individuals in CO-8, or some 94,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 25,000 U.S. citizen children in CO-8 live with an undocumented parent, while some 6,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 22,000 undocumented individuals in CO-8 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 14,000 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 **\$210 million annually to CO-8's economy**. They also contribute \$25 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 **\$23 million to CO-8's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 5,000 immigrants in CO-8 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$146 million to CO-8'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 7,000 workers in CO-8's labor force, and paying an estimated \$32 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$3.7 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.1 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

11,000

Self-employed

19%

With college or advanced degrees

86%

Speak English

88%

Earn above the minimum needed to live