

# Immigrants Make CT-2 Stronger

*An estimated **74,000** immigrants live in CT-2, making up **11%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **15%** of households in CT-2.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of CT-2's economy.** Some 13% of CT-2's labor force are immigrants, including 9% of the construction industry, 69% of agriculture, 12% of manufacturing, 14% of business services, and 18% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 6,000 immigrants in CT-2 work in STEM-related jobs,** of which 24% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 17% of STEM degree holders in CT-2 are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost CT-2's communities.** Some 37,000 immigrants, or about 50% of all immigrants in CT-2, are U.S. citizens. About 13,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 4,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 5% of individuals in CT-2, or some 35,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 5,000 U.S. citizen children in CT-2 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 8,000 undocumented individuals in CT-2 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 3,000 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 \$53 million annually to CT-2's economy.** They also contribute \$8 million in state and local taxes each year.

**An estimated 6,000 immigrants in CT-2 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim,** and contribute \$119 million to CT-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 5,000 workers in CT-2's labor force, and paying an estimated \$21 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$3.0 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$1.2 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**6,000**

Self-employed

**35%**

With college or advanced degrees

**97%**

Speak English

**94%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live