

# Immigrants Make CT-3 Stronger

*An estimated **116,000** immigrants live in CT-3, making up **16%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **21%** of households in CT-3.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of CT-3's economy. Some 19% of CT-3's labor force are immigrants, including 28% of the construction industry, 13% of agriculture, 26% of manufacturing, 17% of business services, and 20% of leisure and hospitality.

About 7,000 immigrants in CT-3 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 35% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 26% of STEM degree holders in CT-3 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost CT-3's communities. Some 57,000 immigrants, or about 49% of all immigrants in CT-3, are U.S. citizens. About 26,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 7,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 8% of individuals in CT-3, or some 61,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 10,000 U.S. citizen children in CT-3 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 11,000 undocumented individuals in CT-3 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 7,000 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 5,000 and contribute **\$157 million annually to CT-3's economy**. They also contribute \$24 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 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 **\$5 million to CT-3's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 8,000 immigrants in CT-3 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$152 million to CT-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 **5,000 workers in CT-3's labor force, and paying an estimated \$30 million annually in state and local taxes**.

**\$4.8 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$1.9 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**8,000**

Self-employed

**40%**

With college or advanced degrees

**93%**

Speak English

**90%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live