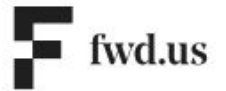


# Immigrants Make El Centro Metro Stronger



*An estimated **71,000** immigrants live in El Centro, making up **36%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **56%** of households in El Centro.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of El Centro's economy.** Some 45% of El Centro's labor force are immigrants, including 36% of the construction industry, 75% of agriculture, 73% of manufacturing, 38% of business services, and 30% of leisure and hospitality.

**\$1.5 billion**

Annual spending power

**About 1,000 immigrants in El Centro work in STEM-related jobs,** of which 14% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 71% of STEM degree holders in El Centro are immigrants.

**\$402 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost El Centro's communities.** Some 34,000 immigrants, or about 48% of all immigrants in El Centro, are U.S. citizens. About 26,000 are lawful permanent residents.

**2,000**

Self-employed

**An estimated 11% of individuals in El Centro, or some 21,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 4,000 U.S. citizen children in El Centro live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 8,000 undocumented individuals in El Centro have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 5,000 of those living in the U.S. for more than 20 years.

**70%**

Speak English

**85%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live