Immigrants Make FL-1 Stronger

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An estimated 61,000 immigrants live in FL-1, making up 8% of the total population.

Immigrants live in 11% of households in FL-1.

Immigrants contribute to every sector of FL-1's economy. Some 9% of FL-1's labor force are immigrants, including 17% of the construction industry, 20% of agriculture, 7% of manufacturing, 10% of business services, and 14% of leisure and hospitality.

About 2,000 immigrants in FL-1 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 11% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 9% of STEM degree holders in FL-1 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost FL-1's communities. Some 26,000 immigrants, or about 43% of all immigrants in FL-1, are U.S. citizens. About 12,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 4% of individuals in FL-1, or some 34,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 4,000 U.S. citizen children in FL-1 live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 7,000 undocumented individuals in FL-1 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 3,000 and **contribute $91 million annually to FL-1's economy.** They also contribute $12 million in state and local taxes each year.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries**—**numbered 3,000 and **contributed $66 million to FL-1's economy** in 2024**.** Meanwhile, an estimated 7,000 immigrants in FL-1 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute $137 million to FL-1'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 FL-1's labor force, and paying an estimated $25 million annually in state and local taxes.**

$1.9 billion

Annual spending power

$542 million

Annual combined taxes paid

6,000

Self-employed

30%

With college or advanced degrees

90%

Speak English

88%

Earn above the minimum needed to live

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