

# Immigrants Make FL-12 Stronger

*An estimated **96,000** immigrants live in FL-12, making up **11%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **15%** of households in FL-12.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of FL-12's economy. Some 14% of FL-12's labor force are immigrants, including 15% of the construction industry, 58% of agriculture, 22% of manufacturing, 11% of business services, and 11% of leisure and hospitality.

About **6,000** immigrants in FL-12 work in **STEM-related jobs**, of which 28% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 27% of STEM degree holders in FL-12 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost FL-12's communities. Some 52,000 immigrants, or about 54% of all immigrants in FL-12, are U.S. citizens. About 15,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 3,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated **6%** of individuals in FL-12, or some **51,000**, are either **undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant**. Some 7,000 U.S. citizen children in FL-12 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 10,000 undocumented individuals in FL-12 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 6,000 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 \$188 million annually to FL-12's economy**. They also contribute \$23 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 3,000 and **contributed \$82 million to FL-12's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 9,000 immigrants in FL-12 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$260 million to FL-12'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 FL-12's labor force, and paying an estimated \$42 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$3.3 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$973 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**9,000**

Self-employed

**32%**

With college or advanced degrees

**92%**

Speak English

**91%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live