

Immigrants Make FL-15 Stronger

*An estimated **161,000** immigrants live in FL-15, making up **19%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **24%** of households in FL-15.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of FL-15's economy. Some 23% of FL-15's labor force are immigrants, including 36% of the construction industry, 66% of agriculture, 26% of manufacturing, 21% of business services, and 21% of leisure and hospitality.

About 11,000 immigrants in FL-15 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 23% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 37% of STEM degree holders in FL-15 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost FL-15's communities. Some 68,000 immigrants, or about 42% of all immigrants in FL-15, are U.S. citizens. About 27,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 10,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 12% of individuals in FL-15, or some 100,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 17,000 U.S. citizen children in FL-15 live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 20,000 undocumented individuals in FL-15 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 13,000 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 FL-15's economy**. They also contribute \$19 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 **\$67 million to FL-15's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 19,000 immigrants in FL-15 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$473 million to FL-15'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 **16,000 workers in FL-15's labor force, and paying an estimated \$73 million annually in state and local taxes**.

\$6.2 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.9 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

16,000

Self-employed

36%

With college or advanced degrees

87%

Speak English

85%

Earn above the minimum needed to live