

# Immigrants Make FL-16 Stronger

*An estimated **163,000** immigrants live in FL-16, making up **18%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **23%** of households in FL-16.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of FL-16's economy. Some 23% of FL-16's labor force are immigrants, including 35% of the construction industry, 30% of agriculture, 25% of manufacturing, 28% of business services, and 21% of leisure and hospitality.

About **6,000** immigrants in FL-16 work in **STEM-related jobs**, of which 21% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 30% of STEM degree holders in FL-16 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost FL-16's communities. Some 72,000 immigrants, or about 44% of all immigrants in FL-16, are U.S. citizens. About 30,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 5,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated **12%** of individuals in FL-16, or some **104,000**, are either **undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant**. Some 21,000 U.S. citizen children in FL-16 live with an undocumented parent, while some 6,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 20,000 undocumented individuals in FL-16 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 12,000 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 7,000 and **contribute \$157 million annually to FL-16's economy**. They also contribute \$18 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 8,000 and **contributed \$275 million to FL-16's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 18,000 immigrants in FL-16 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$350 million to FL-16'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 17,000 workers in FL-16's labor force, and paying an estimated \$61 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$6.1 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$1.8 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**20,000**

Self-employed

**33%**

With college or advanced degrees

**91%**

Speak English

**86%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live