

Immigrants Make FL-17 Stronger

*An estimated **154,000** immigrants live in FL-17, making up **18%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **19%** of households in FL-17.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of FL-17's economy. Some 23% of FL-17's labor force are immigrants, including 36% of the construction industry, 21% of agriculture, 22% of manufacturing, 20% of business services, and 15% of leisure and hospitality.

About 3,000 immigrants in FL-17 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 11% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 20% of STEM degree holders in FL-17 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost FL-17's communities. Some 72,000 immigrants, or about 47% of all immigrants in FL-17, are U.S. citizens. About 31,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 3,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 9% of individuals in FL-17, or some 81,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 9,000 U.S. citizen children in FL-17 live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 12,000 undocumented individuals in FL-17 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 7,000 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 \$181 million annually to FL-17's economy**. They also contribute \$22 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 4,000 and **contributed \$94 million to FL-17's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 13,000 immigrants in FL-17 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$262 million to FL-17'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 12,000 workers in FL-17's labor force, and paying an estimated \$49 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$5.3 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.5 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

18,000

Self-employed

29%

With college or advanced degrees

84%

Speak English

86%

Earn above the minimum needed to live