

Immigrants Make FL-20 Stronger

*An estimated **350,000** immigrants live in FL-20, making up **40%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **46%** of households in FL-20.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of FL-20's economy. Some 46% of FL-20's labor force are immigrants, including 59% of the construction industry, 78% of agriculture, 54% of manufacturing, 42% of business services, and 43% of leisure and hospitality.

About 11,000 immigrants in FL-20 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 17% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 53% of STEM degree holders in FL-20 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost FL-20's communities. Some 161,000 immigrants, or about 46% of all immigrants in FL-20, are U.S. citizens. About 45,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 13,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 24% of individuals in FL-20, or some 211,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 22,000 U.S. citizen children in FL-20 live with an undocumented parent, while some 9,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 29,000 undocumented individuals in FL-20 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 14,000 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 14,000 and **contribute \$396 million annually to FL-20's economy**. They also contribute \$49 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 29,000 and **contributed \$487 million to FL-20's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 54,000 immigrants in FL-20 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$882 million to FL-20'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 45,000 workers in FL-20's labor force, and paying an estimated \$166 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$10.6 billion

Annual spending power

\$3.0 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

42,000

Self-employed

28%

With college or advanced degrees

90%

Speak English

87%

Earn above the minimum needed to live