

Immigrants Make FL-21 Stronger

*An estimated **199,000** immigrants live in FL-21, making up **23%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **28%** of households in FL-21.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of FL-21's economy. Some 28% of FL-21's labor force are immigrants, including 35% of the construction industry, 59% of agriculture, 27% of manufacturing, 26% of business services, and 29% of leisure and hospitality.

About **5,000** immigrants in FL-21 work in **STEM-related jobs**, of which 4% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 30% of STEM degree holders in FL-21 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost FL-21's communities. Some 93,000 immigrants, or about 47% of all immigrants in FL-21, are U.S. citizens. About 26,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 8,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated **14%** of individuals in FL-21, or some **123,000**, are either **undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant**. Some 15,000 U.S. citizen children in FL-21 live with an undocumented parent, while some 5,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 22,000 undocumented individuals in FL-21 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 5,000 and **contribute \$150 million annually to FL-21's economy**. They also contribute \$16 million in state and local taxes each year.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 12,000 and **contributed \$194 million to FL-21's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 27,000 immigrants in FL-21 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$297 million to FL-21'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 18,000 workers in FL-21's labor force, and paying an estimated \$64 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$6.2 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.8 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

19,000

Self-employed

30%

With college or advanced degrees

93%

Speak English

81%

Earn above the minimum needed to live