

Immigrants Make FL-22 Stronger

*An estimated **309,000** immigrants live in FL-22, making up **37%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **41%** of households in FL-22.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of FL-22's economy. Some 45% of FL-22's labor force are immigrants, including 65% of the construction industry, 65% of agriculture, 42% of manufacturing, 44% of business services, and 34% of leisure and hospitality.

About **7,000** immigrants in FL-22 work in **STEM-related jobs**, of which 9% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 44% of STEM degree holders in FL-22 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost FL-22's communities. Some 133,000 immigrants, or about 43% of all immigrants in FL-22, are U.S. citizens. About 45,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 14,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated **25%** of individuals in FL-22, or some **215,000**, are either **undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant**. Some 33,000 U.S. citizen children in FL-22 live with an undocumented parent, while some 8,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 37,000 undocumented individuals in FL-22 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 19,000 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 11,000 and **contribute \$205 million annually to FL-22's economy**. They also contribute \$25 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 19,000 and **contributed \$361 million to FL-22's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 40,000 immigrants in FL-22 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$821 million to FL-22'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 34,000 workers in FL-22's labor force, and paying an estimated \$145 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$9.3 billion

Annual spending power

\$2.6 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

38,000

Self-employed

27%

With college or advanced degrees

85%

Speak English

86%

Earn above the minimum needed to live