

# Immigrants Make FL-23 Stronger

*An estimated **271,000** immigrants live in FL-23, making up **33%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **44%** of households in FL-23.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of FL-23's economy. Some 39% of FL-23's labor force are immigrants, including 57% of the construction industry, 77% of agriculture, 49% of manufacturing, 35% of business services, and 35% of leisure and hospitality.

About 11,000 immigrants in FL-23 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 14% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 45% of STEM degree holders in FL-23 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost FL-23's communities. Some 145,000 immigrants, or about 53% of all immigrants in FL-23, are U.S. citizens. About 38,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 13,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 15% of individuals in FL-23, or some 127,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 17,000 U.S. citizen children in FL-23 live with an undocumented parent, while some 6,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 22,000 undocumented individuals in FL-23 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 11,000 and **contribute \$287 million annually to FL-23's economy**. They also contribute \$37 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 15,000 and **contributed \$288 million to FL-23's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 28,000 immigrants in FL-23 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$617 million to FL-23'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 23,000 workers in FL-23's labor force, and paying an estimated \$110 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$10.5 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$3.2 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**46,000**

Self-employed

**37%**

With college or advanced degrees

**92%**

Speak English

**89%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live