

# Immigrants Make FL-24 Stronger

*An estimated **476,000** immigrants live in FL-24, making up **53%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **68%** of households in FL-24.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of FL-24's economy. Some 59% of FL-24's labor force are immigrants, including 78% of the construction industry, 87% of agriculture, 77% of manufacturing, 58% of business services, and 57% of leisure and hospitality.

About 11,000 immigrants in FL-24 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 17% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 70% of STEM degree holders in FL-24 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost FL-24's communities. Some 219,000 immigrants, or about 46% of all immigrants in FL-24, are U.S. citizens. About 69,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 21,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 31% of individuals in FL-24, or some 282,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 23,000 U.S. citizen children in FL-24 live with an undocumented parent, while some 10,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 28,000 undocumented individuals in FL-24 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 13,000 and contribute **\$365 million annually to FL-24's economy**. They also contribute \$46 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 39,000 and contributed **\$838 million to FL-24's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 91,000 immigrants in FL-24 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$1.9 billion to FL-24'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 73,000 workers in FL-24's labor force, and paying an estimated \$293 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$15.9 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$4.8 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**61,000**

Self-employed

**31%**

With college or advanced degrees

**87%**

Speak English

**84%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live