

# Immigrants Make FL-25 Stronger

*An estimated **373,000** immigrants live in FL-25, making up **44%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **55%** of households in FL-25.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of FL-25's economy. Some 50% of FL-25's labor force are immigrants, including 61% of the construction industry, 34% of agriculture, 67% of manufacturing, 46% of business services, and 45% of leisure and hospitality.

About **15,000** immigrants in FL-25 work in **STEM-related jobs**, of which 16% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 62% of STEM degree holders in FL-25 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost FL-25's communities. Some 186,000 immigrants, or about 50% of all immigrants in FL-25, are U.S. citizens. About 48,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 18,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated **23%** of individuals in FL-25, or some **200,000**, are either **undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant**. Some 14,000 U.S. citizen children in FL-25 live with an undocumented parent, while some 8,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 21,000 undocumented individuals in FL-25 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 10,000 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 15,000 and **contribute \$316 million annually to FL-25's economy**. They also contribute \$38 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 21,000 and **contributed \$472 million to FL-25's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 63,000 immigrants in FL-25 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$1.4 billion to FL-25'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 44,000 workers in FL-25's labor force, and paying an estimated \$204 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$13.1 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$4.0 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**48,000**

Self-employed

**40%**

With college or advanced degrees

**89%**

Speak English

**90%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live