

Immigrants Make FL-26 Stronger

*An estimated **548,000** immigrants live in FL-26, making up **59%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **71%** of households in FL-26.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of FL-26's economy. Some 68% of FL-26's labor force are immigrants, including 80% of the construction industry, 89% of agriculture, 72% of manufacturing, 65% of business services, and 66% of leisure and hospitality.

About 15,000 immigrants in FL-26 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 15% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 68% of STEM degree holders in FL-26 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost FL-26's communities. Some 236,000 immigrants, or about 43% of all immigrants in FL-26, are U.S. citizens. About 89,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 20,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 34% of individuals in FL-26, or some 317,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 26,000 U.S. citizen children in FL-26 live with an undocumented parent, while some 9,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 33,000 undocumented individuals in FL-26 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 18,000 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 14,000 and contribute **\$420 million annually to FL-26's economy**. They also contribute \$53 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 32,000 and contributed **\$737 million to FL-26's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 115,000 immigrants in FL-26 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$2.7 billion to FL-26'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 86,000 workers in FL-26's labor force, and paying an estimated \$378 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$15.7 billion

Annual spending power

\$4.4 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

68,000

Self-employed

28%

With college or advanced degrees

75%

Speak English

85%

Earn above the minimum needed to live