

# Immigrants Make FL-27 Stronger

*An estimated **473,000** immigrants live in FL-27, making up **56%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **71%** of households in FL-27.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of FL-27's economy. Some 61% of FL-27's labor force are immigrants, including 79% of the construction industry, 74% of agriculture, 62% of manufacturing, 54% of business services, and 60% of leisure and hospitality.

About 14,000 immigrants in FL-27 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 17% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 65% of STEM degree holders in FL-27 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost FL-27's communities. Some 250,000 immigrants, or about 53% of all immigrants in FL-27, are U.S. citizens. About 68,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 29,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 26% of individuals in FL-27, or some 216,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 19,000 U.S. citizen children in FL-27 live with an undocumented parent, while some 9,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 27,000 undocumented individuals in FL-27 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 13,000 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 10,000 and contribute **\$264 million annually to FL-27's economy**. They also contribute \$31 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 12,000 and contributed **\$310 million to FL-27's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 73,000 immigrants in FL-27 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$1.8 billion to FL-27'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 **54,000 workers in FL-27's labor force, and paying an estimated \$245 million annually in state and local taxes**.

**\$18.5 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$5.9 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**66,000**

Self-employed

**38%**

With college or advanced degrees

**81%**

Speak English

**86%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live