

# Immigrants Make FL-4 Stronger

*An estimated **87,000** immigrants live in FL-4, making up **10%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **15%** of households in FL-4.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of FL-4's economy. Some 12% of FL-4's labor force are immigrants, including 16% of the construction industry, 15% of manufacturing, 9% of business services, and 18% of leisure and hospitality.

About 3,000 immigrants in FL-4 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 29% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 21% of STEM degree holders in FL-4 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost FL-4's communities. Some 44,000 immigrants, or about 50% of all immigrants in FL-4, are U.S. citizens. About 14,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 5,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 6% of individuals in FL-4, or some 49,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 3,000 U.S. citizen children in FL-4 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 5,000 undocumented individuals in FL-4 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 3,000 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 2,000 and contribute \$35 million annually to FL-4's economy. They also contribute \$4 million in state and local taxes each year.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 6,000 and contributed \$50 million to FL-4's economy in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 15,000 immigrants in FL-4 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$274 million to FL-4'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 10,000 workers in FL-4's labor force, and paying an estimated \$37 million annually in state and local taxes.

**\$2.6 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$751 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**8,000**

Self-employed

**27%**

With college or advanced degrees

**94%**

Speak English

**89%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live