

# Immigrants Make FL-5 Stronger

*An estimated **133,000** immigrants live in FL-5, making up **16%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **20%** of households in FL-5.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of FL-5's economy. Some 19% of FL-5's labor force are immigrants, including 34% of the construction industry, 62% of agriculture, 26% of manufacturing, 17% of business services, and 16% of leisure and hospitality.

About 10,000 immigrants in FL-5 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 20% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 26% of STEM degree holders in FL-5 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost FL-5's communities. Some 72,000 immigrants, or about 54% of all immigrants in FL-5, are U.S. citizens. About 19,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 6,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 8% of individuals in FL-5, or some 67,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 10,000 U.S. citizen children in FL-5 live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 11,000 undocumented individuals in FL-5 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 11,000 and **contribute \$306 million annually to FL-5'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 2,000 and **contributed \$63 million to FL-5's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 14,000 immigrants in FL-5 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$399 million to FL-5'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 9,000 workers in FL-5's labor force, and paying an estimated \$52 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$5.6 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$1.7 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**16,000**

Self-employed

**47%**

With college or advanced degrees

**95%**

Speak English

**91%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live