

Immigrants Make FL-8 Stronger

*An estimated **96,000** immigrants live in FL-8, making up **12%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **19%** of households in FL-8.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of FL-8's economy. Some 14% of FL-8's labor force are immigrants, including 20% of the construction industry, 45% of agriculture, 10% of manufacturing, 11% of business services, and 9% of leisure and hospitality.

About 4,000 immigrants in FL-8 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 20% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 23% of STEM degree holders in FL-8 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost FL-8's communities. Some 57,000 immigrants, or about 59% of all immigrants in FL-8, are U.S. citizens. About 12,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 4,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 5% of individuals in FL-8, or some 40,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 4,000 U.S. citizen children in FL-8 live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 6,000 undocumented individuals in FL-8 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 2,000 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 3,000 and contribute **\$53 million annually to FL-8's economy**. They also contribute \$7 million in state and local taxes each year.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 3,000 and contributed **\$106 million to FL-8's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 7,000 immigrants in FL-8 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$111 million to FL-8'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 **6,000 workers in FL-8's labor force, and paying an estimated \$23 million annually in state and local taxes**.

\$3.5 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.0 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

11,000

Self-employed

39%

With college or advanced degrees

96%

Speak English

88%

Earn above the minimum needed to live