

# Immigrants Make FL-9 Stronger

*An estimated **323,000** immigrants live in FL-9, making up **34%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **37%** of households in FL-9.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of FL-9's economy. Some 38% of FL-9's labor force are immigrants, including 50% of the construction industry, 51% of agriculture, 34% of manufacturing, 37% of business services, and 39% of leisure and hospitality.

About 9,000 immigrants in FL-9 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 15% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 45% of STEM degree holders in FL-9 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost FL-9's communities. Some 111,000 immigrants, or about 34% of all immigrants in FL-9, are U.S. citizens. About 52,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 18,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 22% of individuals in FL-9, or some 209,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 16,000 U.S. citizen children in FL-9 live with an undocumented parent, while some 12,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 16,000 undocumented individuals in FL-9 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 10,000 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 12,000 and contribute **\$366 million annually to FL-9's economy**. They also contribute \$42 million in state and local taxes each year.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 63,000 and contributed **\$1.3 billion to FL-9's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 96,000 immigrants in FL-9 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$2.1 billion to FL-9'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 **68,000 workers in FL-9's labor force**, and paying an estimated **\$329 million annually in state and local taxes**.

**\$9.2 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$2.6 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**36,000**

Self-employed

**37%**

With college or advanced degrees

**89%**

Speak English

**83%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live