

Immigrants Make GA-12 Stronger

*An estimated **44,000** immigrants live in GA-12, making up **6%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **7%** of households in GA-12.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of GA-12's economy. Some 7% of GA-12's labor force are immigrants, including 11% of the construction industry, 12% of agriculture, 11% of manufacturing, 7% of business services, and 5% of leisure and hospitality.

About **1,000** immigrants in GA-12 work in **STEM-related jobs**, of which 7% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 15% of STEM degree holders in GA-12 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost GA-12's communities. Some 16,000 immigrants, or about 35% of all immigrants in GA-12, are U.S. citizens. About 9,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

Some **30,000**, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 5,000 U.S. citizen children in GA-12 live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 6,000 undocumented individuals in GA-12 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 3,000 and **contribute \$62 million annually to GA-12's economy**. They also contribute \$8 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 1,000 and **contributed \$1 million to GA-12's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 5,000 immigrants in GA-12 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$120 million to GA-12'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 3,000 workers in GA-12's labor force, and paying an estimated \$16 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$1.4 billion

Annual spending power

\$421 million

Annual combined taxes paid

3,000

Self-employed

32%

With college or advanced degrees

89%

Speak English

82%

Earn above the minimum needed to live