

Immigrants Make GA-7 Stronger

*An estimated **179,000** immigrants live in GA-7, making up **22%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **27%** of households in GA-7.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of GA-7's economy. Some 28% of GA-7's labor force are immigrants, including 30% of the construction industry, 33% of agriculture, 28% of manufacturing, 37% of business services, and 20% of leisure and hospitality.

About 35,000 immigrants in GA-7 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 33% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 49% of STEM degree holders in GA-7 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost GA-7's communities. Some 74,000 immigrants, or about 41% of all immigrants in GA-7, are U.S. citizens. About 24,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 31,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 12% of individuals in GA-7, or some 95,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 17,000 U.S. citizen children in GA-7 live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 24,000 undocumented individuals in GA-7 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 6,000 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 9,000 and contribute **\$257 million annually to GA-7's economy**. They also contribute \$32 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 6,000 and contributed **\$64 million to GA-7's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 21,000 immigrants in GA-7 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$820 million to GA-7'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 17,000 workers in GA-7's labor force, and paying an estimated \$115 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$9.8 billion

Annual spending power

\$3.9 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

18,000

Self-employed

66%

With college or advanced degrees

96%

Speak English

92%

Earn above the minimum needed to live