

# Immigrants Make GA-9 Stronger

*An estimated **163,000** immigrants live in GA-9, making up **19%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **26%** of households in GA-9.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of GA-9's economy. Some 24% of GA-9's labor force are immigrants, including 37% of the construction industry, 41% of agriculture, 31% of manufacturing, 24% of business services, and 23% of leisure and hospitality.

About **6,000** immigrants in GA-9 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 18% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 31% of STEM degree holders in GA-9 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost GA-9's communities. Some 63,000 immigrants, or about 39% of all immigrants in GA-9, are U.S. citizens. About 25,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 7,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated **16%** of individuals in GA-9, or some **132,000**, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 27,000 U.S. citizen children in GA-9 live with an undocumented parent, while some 6,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 30,000 undocumented individuals in GA-9 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 18,000 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 \$271 million annually to GA-9's economy**. They also contribute \$34 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 8,000 and **contributed \$148 million to GA-9's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 20,000 immigrants in GA-9 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$466 million to GA-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 16,000 workers in GA-9's labor force, and paying an estimated \$73 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$5.3 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$1.6 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**16,000**

Self-employed

**31%**

With college or advanced degrees

**90%**

Speak English

**90%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live