

Immigrants Make HI-2 Stronger

*An estimated **93,000** immigrants live in HI-2, making up **13%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **22%** of households in HI-2.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of HI-2's economy. Some 17% of HI-2's labor force are immigrants, including 9% of the construction industry, 37% of agriculture, 11% of manufacturing, 12% of business services, and 28% of leisure and hospitality.

About 3,000 immigrants in HI-2 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 8% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 14% of STEM degree holders in HI-2 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost HI-2's communities. Some 48,000 immigrants, or about 52% of all immigrants in HI-2, are U.S. citizens. About 19,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 3,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 8% of individuals in HI-2, or some 60,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 10,000 U.S. citizen children in HI-2 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 10,000 undocumented individuals in HI-2 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 4,000 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 5,000 and **contribute \$128 million annually to HI-2's economy.** They also contribute \$26 million in state and local taxes each year.

An estimated 1,000 immigrants in HI-2 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$17 million to HI-2'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 1,000 workers in HI-2's labor force, and paying an estimated \$16 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$3.3 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.2 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

9,000

Self-employed

30%

With college or advanced degrees

89%

Earn above the minimum needed to live