

# Immigrants Make IA-2 Stronger

*An estimated **45,000** immigrants live in IA-2, making up **6%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **7%** of households in IA-2.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of IA-2's economy.** Some 7% of IA-2's labor force are immigrants, including 7% of the construction industry, 6% of agriculture, 15% of manufacturing, 14% of business services, and 7% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 2,000 immigrants in IA-2 work in STEM-related jobs,** of which 17% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 12% of STEM degree holders in IA-2 are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost IA-2's communities.** Some 15,000 immigrants, or about 34% of all immigrants in IA-2, are U.S. citizens. About 13,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 3,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**Some 27,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 7,000 U.S. citizen children in IA-2 live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 5,000 undocumented individuals in IA-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 3,000 and **contribute \$66 million annually to IA-2's economy.** They also contribute \$9 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**An estimated 2,000 immigrants in IA-2 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim,** and contribute \$24 million to IA-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 3,000 workers in IA-2's labor force, and paying an estimated \$9 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$1.3 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$373 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**1,000**

Self-employed

**28%**

With college or advanced degrees

**89%**

Speak English

**79%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live