

# Immigrants Make IL-10 Stronger

*An estimated **161,000** immigrants live in IL-10, making up **22%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **30%** of households in IL-10.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of IL-10's economy. Some 27% of IL-10's labor force are immigrants, including 29% of the construction industry, 30% of agriculture, 37% of manufacturing, 31% of business services, and 20% of leisure and hospitality.

About 15,000 immigrants in IL-10 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 23% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 36% of STEM degree holders in IL-10 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost IL-10's communities. Some 77,000 immigrants, or about 48% of all immigrants in IL-10, are U.S. citizens. About 31,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 12,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 12% of individuals in IL-10, or some 88,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 17,000 U.S. citizen children in IL-10 live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 26,000 undocumented individuals in IL-10 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 16,000 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 6,000 and contribute **\$150 million annually to IL-10's economy**. They also contribute \$24 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 3,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 2,000 and contributed **\$36 million to IL-10's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 9,000 immigrants in IL-10 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$277 million to IL-10'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 **9,000 workers in IL-10's labor force, and paying an estimated \$72 million annually in state and local taxes**.

**\$7.2 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$2.8 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**16,000**

Self-employed

**42%**

With college or advanced degrees

**96%**

Speak English

**90%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live