

Immigrants Make IL-16 Stronger

*An estimated **42,000** immigrants live in IL-16, making up **6%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **8%** of households in IL-16.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of IL-16's economy. Some 8% of IL-16's labor force are immigrants, including 9% of the construction industry, 5% of agriculture, 10% of manufacturing, 10% of business services, and 9% of leisure and hospitality.

About 3,000 immigrants in IL-16 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 37% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 12% of STEM degree holders in IL-16 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost IL-16's communities. Some 18,000 immigrants, or about 43% of all immigrants in IL-16, are U.S. citizens. About 10,000 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 6,000 U.S. citizen children in IL-16 live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 7,000 undocumented individuals in IL-16 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 \$78 million annually to IL-16's economy.** They also contribute \$12 million in state and local taxes each year.

An estimated 2,000 immigrants in IL-16 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$29 million to IL-16'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 IL-16's labor force, and paying an estimated \$10 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$1.4 billion

Annual spending power

\$483 million

Annual combined taxes paid

4,000

Self-employed

28%

With college or advanced degrees

94%

Speak English

86%

Earn above the minimum needed to live