

# Immigrants Make IL-3 Stronger

*An estimated **237,000** immigrants live in IL-3, making up **31%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **34%** of households in IL-3.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of IL-3's economy. Some 35% of IL-3's labor force are immigrants, including 55% of the construction industry, 34% of agriculture, 52% of manufacturing, 32% of business services, and 38% of leisure and hospitality.

About 9,000 immigrants in IL-3 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 12% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 37% of STEM degree holders in IL-3 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost IL-3's communities. Some 99,000 immigrants, or about 42% of all immigrants in IL-3, are U.S. citizens. About 51,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 8,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 20% of individuals in IL-3, or some 154,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 28,000 U.S. citizen children in IL-3 live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 38,000 undocumented individuals in IL-3 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 28,000 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 **\$280 million annually to IL-3's economy**. They also contribute \$44 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 5,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 7,000 and contributed **\$216 million to IL-3's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 18,000 immigrants in IL-3 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$355 million to IL-3'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 21,000 workers in IL-3's labor force, and paying an estimated \$103 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$7.6 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$2.7 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**21,000**

Self-employed

**28%**

With college or advanced degrees

**81%**

Speak English

**84%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live