

# Immigrants Make IL-4 Stronger

*An estimated **259,000** immigrants live in IL-4, making up **34%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **42%** of households in IL-4.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of IL-4's economy. Some 38% of IL-4's labor force are immigrants, including 67% of the construction industry, 52% of agriculture, 58% of manufacturing, 35% of business services, and 43% of leisure and hospitality.

About 5,000 immigrants in IL-4 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 11% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 33% of STEM degree holders in IL-4 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost IL-4's communities. Some 103,000 immigrants, or about 40% of all immigrants in IL-4, are U.S. citizens. About 67,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 4,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 23% of individuals in IL-4, or some 181,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 32,000 U.S. citizen children in IL-4 live with an undocumented parent, while some 7,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 56,000 undocumented individuals in IL-4 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 43,000 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 18,000 and contribute **\$517 million annually to IL-4's economy**. They also contribute \$82 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 8,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 8,000 and contributed **\$147 million to IL-4's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 14,000 immigrants in IL-4 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$267 million to IL-4'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 **18,000 workers in IL-4's labor force, and paying an estimated \$91 million annually in state and local taxes**.

**\$7.2 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$2.5 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**23,000**

Self-employed

**14%**

With college or advanced degrees

**87%**

Speak English

**84%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live