

# Immigrants Make IL-5 Stronger

*An estimated **204,000** immigrants live in IL-5, making up **27%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **33%** of households in IL-5.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of IL-5's economy. Some 28% of IL-5's labor force are immigrants, including 46% of the construction industry, 22% of agriculture, 35% of manufacturing, 24% of business services, and 28% of leisure and hospitality.

About 14,000 immigrants in IL-5 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 34% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 36% of STEM degree holders in IL-5 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost IL-5's communities. Some 97,000 immigrants, or about 48% of all immigrants in IL-5, are U.S. citizens. About 35,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 18,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 12% of individuals in IL-5, or some 95,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 14,000 U.S. citizen children in IL-5 live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 23,000 undocumented individuals in IL-5 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 14,000 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 **\$163 million annually to IL-5's economy**. They also contribute \$26 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 6,000 and contributed **\$167 million to IL-5's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 10,000 immigrants in IL-5 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$488 million to IL-5'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-5's labor force, and paying an estimated \$97 million annually in state and local taxes**.

**\$9.3 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$3.7 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**24,000**

Self-employed

**47%**

With college or advanced degrees

**93%**

Speak English

**90%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live