

Immigrants Make KS-2 Stronger

*An estimated **48,000** immigrants live in KS-2, making up **7%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **8%** of households in KS-2.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of KS-2's economy. Some 8% of KS-2's labor force are immigrants, including 15% of the construction industry, 11% of manufacturing, 16% of business services, and 10% of leisure and hospitality.

About 3,000 immigrants in KS-2 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 18% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 18% of STEM degree holders in KS-2 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost KS-2's communities. Some 15,000 immigrants, or about 32% of all immigrants in KS-2, are U.S. citizens. About 8,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 6% of individuals in KS-2, or some 45,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 10,000 U.S. citizen children in KS-2 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 11,000 undocumented individuals in KS-2 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 7,000 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 4,000 and **contribute \$107 million annually to KS-2's economy.** They also contribute \$15 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 1,000 and **contributed \$41 million to KS-2's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 4,000 immigrants in KS-2 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$112 million to KS-2'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 KS-2's labor force, and paying an estimated \$28 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$1.7 billion

Annual spending power

\$557 million

Annual combined taxes paid

3,000

Self-employed

25%

With college or advanced degrees

87%

Speak English

87%

Earn above the minimum needed to live