

# Immigrants Make KS-3 Stronger

*An estimated **85,000** immigrants live in KS-3, making up **11%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **14%** of households in KS-3.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of KS-3's economy. Some 14% of KS-3's labor force are immigrants, including 23% of the construction industry, 18% of manufacturing, 15% of business services, and 18% of leisure and hospitality.

About 10,000 immigrants in KS-3 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 34% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 21% of STEM degree holders in KS-3 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost KS-3's communities. Some 33,000 immigrants, or about 39% of all immigrants in KS-3, are U.S. citizens. About 12,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 8,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 8% of individuals in KS-3, or some 61,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 12,000 U.S. citizen children in KS-3 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 16,000 undocumented individuals in KS-3 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 9,000 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 7,000 and contribute **\$163 million annually to KS-3's economy**. They also contribute \$22 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 2,000 and contributed **\$18 million to KS-3's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 5,000 immigrants in KS-3 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$83 million to KS-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 **7,000 workers in KS-3's labor force**, and paying an estimated **\$24 million annually in state and local taxes**.

**\$3.4 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$1.2 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**9,000**

Self-employed

**46%**

With college or advanced degrees

**93%**

Speak English

**91%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live