

# Immigrants Make KY-3 Stronger

*An estimated **99,000** immigrants live in KY-3, making up **13%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **12%** of households in KY-3.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of KY-3's economy.** Some 16% of KY-3's labor force are immigrants, including 24% of the construction industry, 19% of manufacturing, 15% of business services, and 13% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 4,000 immigrants in KY-3 work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 39% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 27% of STEM degree holders in KY-3 are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost KY-3's communities.** Some 25,000 immigrants, or about 26% of all immigrants in KY-3, are U.S. citizens. About 26,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 6,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 9% of individuals in KY-3, or some 71,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 12,000 U.S. citizen children in KY-3 live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 7,000 undocumented individuals in KY-3 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 4,000 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 \$92 million annually to KY-3's economy.** They also contribute \$12 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 3,000 and **contributed \$34 million to KY-3's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 15,000 immigrants in KY-3 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$330 million to KY-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 15,000 workers in KY-3's labor force, and paying an estimated \$61 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$3.0 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$936 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**5,000**

Self-employed

**34%**

With college or advanced degrees

**85%**

Speak English

**84%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live