

# Immigrants Make KY-6 Stronger

*An estimated **61,000** immigrants live in KY-6, making up **8%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **10%** of households in KY-6.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of KY-6's economy. Some 10% of KY-6's labor force are immigrants, including 10% of the construction industry, 32% of agriculture, 12% of manufacturing, 7% of business services, and 14% of leisure and hospitality.

About 3,000 immigrants in KY-6 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 52% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 18% of STEM degree holders in KY-6 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost KY-6's communities. Some 13,000 immigrants, or about 22% of all immigrants in KY-6, are U.S. citizens. About 15,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 6,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 6% of individuals in KY-6, or some 45,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 8,000 U.S. citizen children in KY-6 live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 11,000 undocumented individuals in KY-6 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 **\$89 million annually to KY-6's economy**. They also contribute \$12 million in state and local taxes each year.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 2,000 and contributed **\$30 million to KY-6's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 6,000 immigrants in KY-6 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$84 million to KY-6'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 **8,000 workers in KY-6's labor force, and paying an estimated \$21 million annually in state and local taxes**.

**\$1.9 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$595 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**6,000**

Self-employed

**38%**

With college or advanced degrees

**90%**

Speak English

**80%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live