

Immigrants Make MA-2 Stronger

*An estimated **142,000** immigrants live in MA-2, making up **19%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **23%** of households in MA-2.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of MA-2's economy. Some 23% of MA-2's labor force are immigrants, including 29% of the construction industry, 3% of agriculture, 26% of manufacturing, 24% of business services, and 23% of leisure and hospitality.

About 12,000 immigrants in MA-2 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 23% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 30% of STEM degree holders in MA-2 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost MA-2's communities. Some 64,000 immigrants, or about 45% of all immigrants in MA-2, are U.S. citizens. About 47,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 8,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 6% of individuals in MA-2, or some 48,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 7,000 U.S. citizen children in MA-2 live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 9,000 undocumented individuals in MA-2 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 3,000 and contribute **\$105 million annually to MA-2's economy**. They also contribute \$13 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 **\$49 million to MA-2's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 8,000 immigrants in MA-2 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$274 million to MA-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 **5,000 workers in MA-2's labor force**, and paying an estimated **\$37 million annually in state and local taxes**.

\$6.0 billion

Annual spending power

\$2.1 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

9,000

Self-employed

39%

With college or advanced degrees

92%

Speak English

88%

Earn above the minimum needed to live