

# Immigrants Make MA-3 Stronger

*An estimated **181,000** immigrants live in MA-3, making up **23%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **30%** of households in MA-3.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of MA-3's economy. Some 28% of MA-3's labor force are immigrants, including 39% of the construction industry, 10% of agriculture, 33% of manufacturing, 28% of business services, and 22% of leisure and hospitality.

About 16,000 immigrants in MA-3 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 13% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 35% of STEM degree holders in MA-3 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost MA-3's communities. Some 83,000 immigrants, or about 46% of all immigrants in MA-3, are U.S. citizens. About 60,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 7,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 8% of individuals in MA-3, or some 64,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 6,000 U.S. citizen children in MA-3 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 9,000 undocumented individuals in MA-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 **\$105 million annually to MA-3'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 1,000 and contributed **\$23 million to MA-3's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 9,000 immigrants in MA-3 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$183 million to MA-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 **6,000 workers in MA-3's labor force**, and paying an estimated **\$31 million annually in state and local taxes**.

**\$7.4 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$2.6 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**13,000**

Self-employed

**34%**

With college or advanced degrees

**83%**

Speak English

**87%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live