

Immigrants Make MA-5 Stronger

*An estimated **214,000** immigrants live in MA-5, making up **28%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **36%** of households in MA-5.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of MA-5's economy. Some 32% of MA-5's labor force are immigrants, including 50% of the construction industry, 9% of agriculture, 38% of manufacturing, 32% of business services, and 37% of leisure and hospitality.

About 31,000 immigrants in MA-5 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 25% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 39% of STEM degree holders in MA-5 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost MA-5's communities. Some 94,000 immigrants, or about 44% of all immigrants in MA-5, are U.S. citizens. About 62,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 21,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 10% of individuals in MA-5, or some 79,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 14,000 U.S. citizen children in MA-5 live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 14,000 undocumented individuals in MA-5 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 7,000 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 5,000 and contribute **\$152 million annually to MA-5's economy**. They also contribute \$19 million in state and local taxes each year.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 6,000 and contributed **\$173 million to MA-5's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 13,000 immigrants in MA-5 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$329 million to MA-5'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 **12,000 workers in MA-5's labor force**, and paying an estimated **\$62 million annually in state and local taxes**.

\$11.6 billion

Annual spending power

\$4.6 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

16,000

Self-employed

52%

With college or advanced degrees

90%

Speak English

91%

Earn above the minimum needed to live