

# Immigrants Make MA-6 Stronger

*An estimated **153,000** immigrants live in MA-6, making up **19%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **25%** of households in MA-6.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of MA-6's economy. Some 24% of MA-6's labor force are immigrants, including 29% of the construction industry, 4% of agriculture, 27% of manufacturing, 26% of business services, and 26% of leisure and hospitality.

About 13,000 immigrants in MA-6 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 14% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 26% of STEM degree holders in MA-6 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost MA-6's communities. Some 71,000 immigrants, or about 47% of all immigrants in MA-6, are U.S. citizens. About 52,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 6,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 8% of individuals in MA-6, or some 62,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 10,000 U.S. citizen children in MA-6 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 12,000 undocumented individuals in MA-6 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 6,000 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 \$156 million annually to MA-6's economy**. They also contribute \$21 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 \$57 million to MA-6's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 5,000 immigrants in MA-6 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$109 million to MA-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 5,000 workers in MA-6's labor force, and paying an estimated \$21 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$7.0 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$2.6 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**12,000**

Self-employed

**38%**

With college or advanced degrees

**90%**

Speak English

**91%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live