

Immigrants Make MD-1 Stronger

*An estimated **50,000** immigrants live in MD-1, making up **6%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **11%** of households in MD-1.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of MD-1's economy. Some 9% of MD-1's labor force are immigrants, including 11% of the construction industry, 9% of manufacturing, 6% of business services, and 9% of leisure and hospitality.

About 3,000 immigrants in MD-1 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 14% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 12% of STEM degree holders in MD-1 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost MD-1's communities. Some 29,000 immigrants, or about 58% of all immigrants in MD-1, are U.S. citizens. About 9,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

Some 23,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 5,000 U.S. citizen children in MD-1 live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 5,000 undocumented individuals in MD-1 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 2,000 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 2,000 and **contribute \$96 million annually to MD-1's economy.** They also contribute \$15 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 \$26 million to MD-1's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 1,000 immigrants in MD-1 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$27 million to MD-1'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 2,000 workers in MD-1's labor force, and paying an estimated \$15 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$2.1 billion

Annual spending power

\$737 million

Annual combined taxes paid

7,000

Self-employed

39%

With college or advanced degrees

93%

Earn above the minimum needed to live