

# Immigrants Make MD-2 Stronger

*An estimated **96,000** immigrants live in MD-2, making up **13%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **17%** of households in MD-2.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of MD-2's economy.** Some 16% of MD-2's labor force are immigrants, including 18% of the construction industry, 6% of agriculture, 11% of manufacturing, 16% of business services, and 17% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 8,000 immigrants in MD-2 work in STEM-related jobs,** of which 21% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 29% of STEM degree holders in MD-2 are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost MD-2's communities.** Some 52,000 immigrants, or about 55% of all immigrants in MD-2, are U.S. citizens. About 17,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 5,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 6% of individuals in MD-2, or some 46,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 11,000 U.S. citizen children in MD-2 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 7,000 undocumented individuals in MD-2 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 3,000 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 \$73 million annually to MD-2's economy.** They also contribute \$10 million in state and local taxes each year.

**An estimated 3,000 immigrants in MD-2 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim,** and contribute \$68 million to MD-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 2,000 workers in MD-2's labor force, and paying an estimated \$13 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$3.9 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$1.4 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**9,000**

Self-employed

**50%**

With college or advanced degrees

**96%**

Speak English

**89%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live