

# Immigrants Make MD-4 Stronger

*An estimated **243,000** immigrants live in MD-4, making up **31%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **35%** of households in MD-4.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of MD-4's economy. Some 39% of MD-4's labor force are immigrants, including 76% of the construction industry, 40% of agriculture, 42% of manufacturing, 40% of business services, and 40% of leisure and hospitality.

About 12,000 immigrants in MD-4 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 10% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 40% of STEM degree holders in MD-4 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost MD-4's communities. Some 87,000 immigrants, or about 36% of all immigrants in MD-4, are U.S. citizens. About 45,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 10,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 26% of individuals in MD-4, or some 205,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 43,000 U.S. citizen children in MD-4 live with an undocumented parent, while some 6,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 48,000 undocumented individuals in MD-4 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 30,000 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 12,000 and contribute **\$317 million annually to MD-4's economy**. They also contribute \$43 million in state and local taxes each year.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 14,000 and contributed **\$477 million to MD-4's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 21,000 immigrants in MD-4 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$458 million to MD-4'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 **29,000 workers in MD-4's labor force**, and paying an estimated **\$141 million annually in state and local taxes**.

**\$8.4 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$2.7 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**18,000**

Self-employed

**27%**

With college or advanced degrees

**84%**

Speak English

**90%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live