

Immigrants Make MD-7 Stronger

*An estimated **96,000** immigrants live in MD-7, making up **13%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **15%** of households in MD-7.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of MD-7's economy. Some 14% of MD-7's labor force are immigrants, including 35% of the construction industry, 6% of manufacturing, 15% of business services, and 16% of leisure and hospitality.

About 4,000 immigrants in MD-7 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 15% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 24% of STEM degree holders in MD-7 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost MD-7's communities. Some 35,000 immigrants, or about 36% of all immigrants in MD-7, are U.S. citizens. About 17,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 9,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 9% of individuals in MD-7, or some 65,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 13,000 U.S. citizen children in MD-7 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 10,000 undocumented individuals in MD-7 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 4,000 and **contribute \$67 million annually to MD-7's economy.** They also contribute \$9 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 1,000 and **contributed \$44 million to MD-7's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 12,000 immigrants in MD-7 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$304 million to MD-7'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 6,000 workers in MD-7's labor force, and paying an estimated \$53 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$3.2 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.1 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

8,000

Self-employed

39%

With college or advanced degrees

94%

Speak English

81%

Earn above the minimum needed to live