

Immigrants Make MD-8 Stronger

An estimated 270,000 immigrants live in MD-8, making up 34% of the total population.

Immigrants live in 45% of households in MD-8.

Immigrants contribute to every sector of MD-8's economy. Some 41% of MD-8's labor force are immigrants, including 65% of the construction industry, 25% of agriculture, 38% of manufacturing, 37% of business services, and 42% of leisure and hospitality.

About 29,000 immigrants in MD-8 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 13% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 46% of STEM degree holders in MD-8 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost MD-8's communities. Some 140,000 immigrants, or about 52% of all immigrants in MD-8, are U.S. citizens. About 48,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 19,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 17% of individuals in MD-8, or some 137,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 25,000 U.S. citizen children in MD-8 live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 33,000 undocumented individuals in MD-8 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 13,000 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 11,000 and contribute \$311 million annually to MD-8's economy. They also contribute \$42 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 8,000 and contributed \$274 million to MD-8's economy in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 12,000 immigrants in MD-8 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$320 million to MD-8'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 15,000 workers in MD-8's labor force, and paying an estimated \$90 million annually in state and local taxes.

\$13.3 billion

Annual spending power

\$5.4 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

24,000

Self-employed

50%

With college or advanced degrees

93%

Speak English

91%

Earn above the minimum needed to live