

# Immigrants Make ME-1 Stronger

*An estimated **40,000** immigrants live in ME-1, making up **6%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **8%** of households in ME-1.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of ME-1's economy.** Some 7% of ME-1's labor force are immigrants, including 9% of the construction industry, 12% of agriculture, 9% of manufacturing, 7% of business services, and 8% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 2,000 immigrants in ME-1 work in STEM-related jobs,** of which 40% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 9% of STEM degree holders in ME-1 are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost ME-1's communities.** Some 16,000 immigrants, or about 41% of all immigrants in ME-1, are U.S. citizens. About 11,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 4,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**Some 15,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 2,000 U.S. citizen children in ME-1 live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 2,000 undocumented individuals in ME-1 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 1,000 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 1,000 and **contribute \$30 million annually to ME-1's economy.**

**An estimated 5,000 immigrants in ME-1 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim,** and contribute \$159 million to ME-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 5,000 workers in ME-1's labor force, and paying an estimated \$19 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$1.7 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$564 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**4,000**

Self-employed

**43%**

With college or advanced degrees

**95%**

Speak English

**94%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live