

Immigrants Make ME-2 Stronger

*An estimated **26,000** immigrants live in ME-2, making up **4%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **7%** of households in ME-2.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of ME-2's economy. Some 5% of ME-2's labor force are immigrants, including 4% of the construction industry, 4% of agriculture, 7% of manufacturing, 4% of business services, and 5% of leisure and hospitality.

About 1,000 immigrants in ME-2 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 23% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 9% of STEM degree holders in ME-2 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost ME-2's communities. Some 14,000 immigrants, or about 52% of all immigrants in ME-2, are U.S. citizens. About 7,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 1,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

Some 11,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 1,000 U.S. citizen children in ME-2 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-2 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 \$45 million annually to ME-2's economy.**

An estimated 1,000 immigrants in ME-2 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$23 million to ME-2's economy annually.

\$975 million

Annual spending power

\$286 million

Annual combined taxes paid

2,000

Self-employed

44%

With college or advanced degrees

97%

Speak English

87%

Earn above the minimum needed to live