

Immigrants Make MI-12 Stronger

*An estimated **98,000** immigrants live in MI-12, making up **13%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **16%** of households in MI-12.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of MI-12's economy. Some 15% of MI-12's labor force are immigrants, including 21% of the construction industry, 6% of agriculture, 15% of manufacturing, 10% of business services, and 12% of leisure and hospitality.

About 7,000 immigrants in MI-12 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 34% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 32% of STEM degree holders in MI-12 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost MI-12's communities. Some 38,000 immigrants, or about 38% of all immigrants in MI-12, are U.S. citizens. About 36,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 6,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 5% of individuals in MI-12, or some 39,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 4,000 U.S. citizen children in MI-12 live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 5,000 undocumented individuals in MI-12 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 3,000 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 2,000 and contribute \$36 million annually to MI-12's economy.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 4,000 and contributed \$14 million to MI-12's economy in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 6,000 immigrants in MI-12 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$107 million to MI-12'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 4,000 workers in MI-12's labor force, and paying an estimated \$13 million annually in state and local taxes.

\$2.8 billion

Annual spending power

\$832 million

Annual combined taxes paid

10,000

Self-employed

34%

With college or advanced degrees

86%

Speak English

70%

Earn above the minimum needed to live