

Immigrants Make MI-5 Stronger

*An estimated **28,000** immigrants live in MI-5, making up **4%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **5%** of households in MI-5.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of MI-5's economy. Some 5% of MI-5's labor force are immigrants, including 5% of the construction industry, 10% of agriculture, 5% of manufacturing, 6% of business services, and 4% of leisure and hospitality.

About 2,000 immigrants in MI-5 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 38% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 11% of STEM degree holders in MI-5 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost MI-5's communities. Some 11,000 immigrants, or about 38% of all immigrants in MI-5, are U.S. citizens. About 6,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 3,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

Some 16,000 are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 2,000 U.S. citizen children in MI-5 live with an undocumented parent, while some 5,000 undocumented individuals in MI-5 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 4,000 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 \$48 million annually to MI-5's economy.

An estimated 1,000 immigrants in MI-5 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$39 million to MI-5'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 2,000 workers in MI-5's labor force, and paying an estimated \$7 million annually in state and local taxes.

\$989 million

Annual spending power

\$307 million

Annual combined taxes paid

2,000

Self-employed

33%

With college or advanced degrees

92%

Speak English

89%

Earn above the minimum needed to live