

# Immigrants Make MI-8 Stronger

*An estimated **20,000** immigrants live in MI-8, making up **3%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **3%** of households in MI-8.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of MI-8's economy. Some 3% of MI-8's labor force are immigrants, including 3% of the construction industry, 4% of manufacturing, and 5% of business services.

About **2,000** immigrants in MI-8 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 14% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 11% of STEM degree holders in MI-8 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost MI-8's communities. Some 11,000 immigrants, or about 55% of all immigrants in MI-8, are U.S. citizens. About 3,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

Some **9,000**, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 3,000 U.S. citizen children in MI-8 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 MI-8 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 \$22 million annually to MI-8's economy.**

An estimated **2,000** immigrants in MI-8 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$29 million to MI-8's economy annually.

**\$843 million**

Annual spending power

**\$294 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**3,000**

Self-employed

**49%**

With college or advanced degrees

**89%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live