

# Immigrants Make MN-2 Stronger

*An estimated **95,000** immigrants live in MN-2, making up **13%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **16%** of households in MN-2.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of MN-2's economy.** Some 15% of MN-2's labor force are immigrants, including 21% of the construction industry, 21% of manufacturing, 16% of business services, and 16% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 8,000 immigrants in MN-2 work in STEM-related jobs,** of which 22% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 20% of STEM degree holders in MN-2 are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost MN-2's communities.** Some 41,000 immigrants, or about 44% of all immigrants in MN-2, are U.S. citizens. About 19,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 7,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 7% of individuals in MN-2, or some 49,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 8,000 U.S. citizen children in MN-2 live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 11,000 undocumented individuals in MN-2 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 8,000 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 5,000 and **contribute \$104 million annually to MN-2's economy.** They also contribute \$13 million in state and local taxes each year.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 1,000 and **contributed \$15 million to MN-2's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 13,000 immigrants in MN-2 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$153 million to MN-2'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 7,000 workers in MN-2's labor force, and paying an estimated \$23 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$3.4 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$1.2 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**6,000**

Self-employed

**34%**

With college or advanced degrees

**93%**

Speak English

**87%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live