

# Immigrants Make MO-1 Stronger

*An estimated **64,000** immigrants live in MO-1, making up **9%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **10%** of households in MO-1.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of MO-1's economy. Some 10% of MO-1's labor force are immigrants, including 14% of the construction industry, 33% of agriculture, 11% of manufacturing, 15% of business services, and 9% of leisure and hospitality.

About 6,000 immigrants in MO-1 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 27% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 25% of STEM degree holders in MO-1 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost MO-1's communities. Some 25,000 immigrants, or about 40% of all immigrants in MO-1, are U.S. citizens. About 11,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 6,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 5% of individuals in MO-1, or some 38,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 7,000 U.S. citizen children in MO-1 live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 10,000 undocumented individuals in MO-1 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 5,000 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 3,000 and contribute **\$117 million annually to MO-1's economy**. They also contribute \$13 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 1,000 and contributed **\$29 million to MO-1's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 6,000 immigrants in MO-1 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$117 million to MO-1'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 **5,000 workers in MO-1's labor force, and paying an estimated \$18 million annually in state and local taxes**.

**\$2.5 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$784 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**5,000**

Self-employed

**48%**

With college or advanced degrees

**91%**

Speak English

**76%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live