

Immigrants Make MO-2 Stronger

*An estimated **58,000** immigrants live in MO-2, making up **8%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **11%** of households in MO-2.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of MO-2's economy. Some 10% of MO-2's labor force are immigrants, including 5% of the construction industry, 10% of agriculture, 10% of manufacturing, 13% of business services, and 5% of leisure and hospitality.

About 8,000 immigrants in MO-2 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 17% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 23% of STEM degree holders in MO-2 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost MO-2's communities. Some 31,000 immigrants, or about 52% of all immigrants in MO-2, are U.S. citizens. About 9,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 6,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

Some 28,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 6,000 U.S. citizen children in MO-2 live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 6,000 undocumented individuals in MO-2 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 3,000 and **contribute \$98 million annually to MO-2's economy.** They also contribute \$11 million in state and local taxes each year.

An estimated 1,000 immigrants in MO-2 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$22 million to MO-2's economy annually.

\$3.3 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.2 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

4,000

Self-employed

61%

With college or advanced degrees

97%

Speak English

92%

Earn above the minimum needed to live