

Immigrants Make MO-5 Stronger

*An estimated **72,000** immigrants live in MO-5, making up **9%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **10%** of households in MO-5.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of MO-5's economy. Some 11% of MO-5's labor force are immigrants, including 25% of the construction industry, 14% of agriculture, 18% of manufacturing, 9% of business services, and 13% of leisure and hospitality.

About 4,000 immigrants in MO-5 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 7% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 13% of STEM degree holders in MO-5 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost MO-5's communities. Some 28,000 immigrants, or about 39% of all immigrants in MO-5, are U.S. citizens. About 11,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 4,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 8% of individuals in MO-5, or some 63,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 12,000 U.S. citizen children in MO-5 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 13,000 undocumented individuals in MO-5 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 7,000 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 **\$219 million annually to MO-5's economy**. They also contribute \$25 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 5,000 and contributed **\$102 million to MO-5's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 7,000 immigrants in MO-5 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$169 million to MO-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 8,000 workers in MO-5's labor force, and paying an estimated \$37 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$2.0 billion

Annual spending power

\$562 million

Annual combined taxes paid

5,000

Self-employed

24%

With college or advanced degrees

89%

Speak English

77%

Earn above the minimum needed to live