

# Immigrants Make MO-8 Stronger

*An estimated **13,000** immigrants live in MO-8, making up **2%** of the total population.*

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

## **Immigrants contribute to every sector of MO-8's economy.**

Some 3% of MO-8's labor force are immigrants, including 5% of agriculture, 3% of manufacturing, and 4% of business services.

**About 1,000 immigrants in MO-8 work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 12% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 6% of STEM degree holders in MO-8 are immigrants.

## **Immigrants of all backgrounds boost MO-8's communities.**

Some 6,000 immigrants, or about 46% of all immigrants in MO-8, are U.S. citizens. About 3,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 1,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**Some 7,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 2,000 U.S. citizen children in MO-8 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 undocumented individuals in MO-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.

**An estimated 1,000 immigrants in MO-8 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim**, and contribute \$8 million to MO-8's economy annually.

**\$461 million**

Annual spending power

**\$148 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**1,000**

Self-employed

**29%**

With college or advanced degrees

**91%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live