

Immigrants Make MS-1 Stronger

*An estimated **20,000** immigrants live in MS-1, making up **3%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **4%** of households in MS-1.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of MS-1's economy. Some 4% of MS-1's labor force are immigrants, including 9% of the construction industry, 5% of agriculture, 3% of manufacturing, 4% of business services, and 3% of leisure and hospitality.

About 2,000 immigrants in MS-1 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 24% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 7% of STEM degree holders in MS-1 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost MS-1's communities. Some 7,000 immigrants, or about 34% of all immigrants in MS-1, are U.S. citizens. About 3,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 3,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

Some 15,000 are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 4,000 U.S. citizen children in MS-1 live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 4,000 undocumented individuals in MS-1 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 2,000 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 1,000 and **contribute \$32 million annually to MS-1's economy.**

\$716 million

Annual spending power

\$210 million

Annual combined taxes paid

2,000

Self-employed

34%

With college or advanced degrees

95%

Speak English

85%

Earn above the minimum needed to live