

# Immigrants Make MS-2 Stronger

*An estimated **12,000** immigrants live in MS-2, making up **2%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **3%** of households in MS-2.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of MS-2's economy.** Some 2% of MS-2's labor force are immigrants, including 5% of the construction industry, 4% of agriculture, and 4% of leisure and hospitality.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost MS-2's communities.** Some 3,000 immigrants, or about 28% of all immigrants in MS-2, are U.S. citizens. About 3,000 are lawful permanent residents.

**Some 8,000 are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 1,000 U.S. citizen children in MS-2 live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 undocumented individuals in MS-2 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.

**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 \$53 million annually to MS-2's economy.**

**An estimated 2,000 immigrants in MS-2 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim,** and contribute \$54 million to MS-2'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 1,000 workers in MS-2's labor force, and paying an estimated \$7 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$396 million**

Annual spending power

**\$117 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**1,000**

Self-employed

**40%**

With college or advanced degrees

**97%**

Speak English

**92%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live