

Immigrants Make MS-3 Stronger

*An estimated **18,000** immigrants live in MS-3, making up **3%** of the total population.*

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

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

About 1,000 immigrants in MS-3 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 78% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 10% of STEM degree holders in MS-3 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost MS-3's communities. Some 6,000 immigrants, or about 32% of all immigrants in MS-3, are U.S. citizens. About 3,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

Some 13,000 are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 2,000 U.S. citizen children in MS-3 live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 undocumented individuals in MS-3 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 2,000 and **contribute \$39 million annually to MS-3's economy.** They also contribute \$5 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

An estimated 2,000 immigrants in MS-3 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$65 million to MS-3'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 2,000 workers in MS-3's labor force, and paying an estimated \$10 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$655 million

Annual spending power

\$208 million

Annual combined taxes paid

2,000

Self-employed

39%

With college or advanced degrees

80%

Earn above the minimum needed to live