

# Immigrants Make NC-1 Stronger

*An estimated **57,000** immigrants live in NC-1, making up **7%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **7%** of households in NC-1.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of NC-1's economy. Some 8% of NC-1's labor force are immigrants, including 21% of the construction industry, 54% of agriculture, 10% of manufacturing, 8% of business services, and 8% of leisure and hospitality.

About **1,000** immigrants in NC-1 work in **STEM-related jobs**, of which 9% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 8% of STEM degree holders in NC-1 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost NC-1's communities. Some 13,000 immigrants, or about 23% of all immigrants in NC-1, are U.S. citizens. About 10,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated **8%** of individuals in NC-1, or some **58,000**, are either **undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant**. Some 14,000 U.S. citizen children in NC-1 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 14,000 undocumented individuals in NC-1 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 10,000 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 \$145 million annually to NC-1's economy**. They also contribute \$18 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 3,000 and **contributed \$64 million to NC-1's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 10,000 immigrants in NC-1 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$172 million to NC-1'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 9,000 workers in NC-1's labor force, and paying an estimated \$32 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$1.2 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$305 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**4,000**

Self-employed

**14%**

With college or advanced degrees

**81%**

Speak English

**64%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live