

# Immigrants Make NC-14 Stronger

*An estimated **91,000** immigrants live in NC-14, making up **11%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **13%** of households in NC-14.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of NC-14's economy. Some 14% of NC-14's labor force are immigrants, including 29% of the construction industry, 13% of agriculture, 17% of manufacturing, 20% of business services, and 12% of leisure and hospitality.

About 8,000 immigrants in NC-14 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 21% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 27% of STEM degree holders in NC-14 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost NC-14's communities. Some 33,000 immigrants, or about 36% of all immigrants in NC-14, are U.S. citizens. About 13,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 8,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 8% of individuals in NC-14, or some 62,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 10,000 U.S. citizen children in NC-14 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-14 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 7,000 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 6,000 and contribute **\$172 million annually to NC-14's economy**. They also contribute \$21 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 **\$54 million to NC-14's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 11,000 immigrants in NC-14 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$310 million to NC-14'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-14's labor force, and paying an estimated \$47 million annually in state and local taxes**.

**\$3.8 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$1.3 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**8,000**

Self-employed

**39%**

With college or advanced degrees

**89%**

Speak English

**88%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live