

Immigrants Make NC-3 Stronger

*An estimated **46,000** immigrants live in NC-3, making up **6%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **9%** of households in NC-3.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of NC-3's economy. Some 8% of NC-3's labor force are immigrants, including 17% of the construction industry, 26% of agriculture, 11% of manufacturing, 11% of business services, and 9% of leisure and hospitality.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost NC-3's communities. Some 16,000 immigrants, or about 35% of all immigrants in NC-3, are U.S. citizens. About 7,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 1,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 5% of individuals in NC-3, or some 40,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 10,000 U.S. citizen children in NC-3 live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 13,000 undocumented individuals in NC-3 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 9,000 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 3,000 and **contribute \$89 million annually to NC-3's economy**. They also contribute \$10 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

An estimated 3,000 immigrants in NC-3 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$48 million to NC-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 3,000 workers in NC-3's labor force, and paying an estimated \$13 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$1.3 billion

Annual spending power

\$358 million

Annual combined taxes paid

6,000

Self-employed

21%

With college or advanced degrees

91%

Speak English

78%

Earn above the minimum needed to live