

# Immigrants Make NC-6 Stronger

*An estimated **79,000** immigrants live in NC-6, making up **10%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **11%** of households in NC-6.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of NC-6's economy. Some 13% of NC-6's labor force are immigrants, including 27% of the construction industry, 28% of agriculture, 13% of manufacturing, 19% of business services, and 15% of leisure and hospitality.

About **5,000** immigrants in NC-6 work in **STEM-related jobs**, of which 32% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 25% of STEM degree holders in NC-6 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost NC-6's communities. Some 26,000 immigrants, or about 33% of all immigrants in NC-6, are U.S. citizens. About 18,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 7,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 7% of individuals in NC-6, or some **57,000**, are either **undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant**. Some 13,000 U.S. citizen children in NC-6 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 18,000 undocumented individuals in NC-6 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 12,000 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 \$161 million annually to NC-6's economy**. They also contribute \$20 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 3,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 2,000 and **contributed \$58 million to NC-6's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 4,000 immigrants in NC-6 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$105 million to NC-6'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 7,000 workers in NC-6's labor force, and paying an estimated \$27 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$2.7 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$814 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**6,000**

Self-employed

**33%**

With college or advanced degrees

**93%**

Speak English

**84%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live