

# Immigrants Make NC-7 Stronger

*An estimated **48,000** immigrants live in NC-7, making up **6%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **9%** of households in NC-7.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of NC-7's economy. Some 7% of NC-7's labor force are immigrants, including 10% of the construction industry, 20% of agriculture, 9% of manufacturing, 8% of business services, and 10% of leisure and hospitality.

About 2,000 immigrants in NC-7 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 12% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 11% of STEM degree holders in NC-7 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost NC-7's communities. Some 17,000 immigrants, or about 35% of all immigrants in NC-7, are U.S. citizens. About 13,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 5% of individuals in NC-7, or some 36,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 13,000 U.S. citizen children in NC-7 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 10,000 undocumented individuals in NC-7 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 8,000 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 **\$62 million annually to NC-7's economy**. They also contribute \$7 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 1,000 and contributed **\$33 million to NC-7's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 3,000 immigrants in NC-7 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$64 million to NC-7'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-7's labor force, and paying an estimated \$14 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$1.6 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$461 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**3,000**

Self-employed

**26%**

With college or advanced degrees

**92%**

Speak English

**79%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live