

Immigrants Make NC-8 Stronger

*An estimated **104,000** immigrants live in NC-8, making up **13%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **15%** of households in NC-8.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of NC-8's economy. Some 16% of NC-8's labor force are immigrants, including 26% of the construction industry, 32% of agriculture, 17% of manufacturing, 20% of business services, and 10% of leisure and hospitality.

About 9,000 immigrants in NC-8 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 26% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 31% of STEM degree holders in NC-8 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost NC-8's communities. Some 38,000 immigrants, or about 36% of all immigrants in NC-8, are U.S. citizens. About 16,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 8,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 10% of individuals in NC-8, or some 77,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 17,000 U.S. citizen children in NC-8 live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 17,000 undocumented individuals in NC-8 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 6,000 and contribute **\$133 million annually to NC-8's economy**. They also contribute \$16 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 2,000 and contributed **\$73 million to NC-8's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 15,000 immigrants in NC-8 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$257 million to NC-8'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 10,000 workers in NC-8's labor force, and paying an estimated \$44 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$4.3 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.5 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

7,000

Self-employed

40%

With college or advanced degrees

95%

Speak English

84%

Earn above the minimum needed to live