

Immigrants Make NC-9 Stronger

*An estimated **74,000** immigrants live in NC-9, making up **10%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **13%** of households in NC-9.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of NC-9's economy. Some 12% of NC-9's labor force are immigrants, including 23% of the construction industry, 34% of agriculture, 22% of manufacturing, 15% of business services, and 11% of leisure and hospitality.

About 3,000 immigrants in NC-9 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 22% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 17% of STEM degree holders in NC-9 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost NC-9's communities. Some 23,000 immigrants, or about 32% of all immigrants in NC-9, are U.S. citizens. About 13,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 4,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 8% of individuals in NC-9, or some 64,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 17,000 U.S. citizen children in NC-9 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 19,000 undocumented individuals in NC-9 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 14,000 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 4,000 and contribute **\$109 million annually to NC-9's economy**. They also contribute \$13 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 4,000 and contributed **\$87 million to NC-9's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 7,000 immigrants in NC-9 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$165 million to NC-9'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-9's labor force, and paying an estimated \$30 million annually in state and local taxes**.

\$2.3 billion

Annual spending power

\$660 million

Annual combined taxes paid

6,000

Self-employed

25%

With college or advanced degrees

88%

Speak English

81%

Earn above the minimum needed to live