

Immigrants Make NE-2 Stronger

*An estimated **89,000** immigrants live in NE-2, making up **13%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **15%** of households in NE-2.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of NE-2's economy. Some 15% of NE-2's labor force are immigrants, including 23% of the construction industry, 17% of agriculture, 27% of manufacturing, 16% of business services, and 14% of leisure and hospitality.

About 3,000 immigrants in NE-2 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 27% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 13% of STEM degree holders in NE-2 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost NE-2's communities. Some 27,000 immigrants, or about 30% of all immigrants in NE-2, are U.S. citizens. About 20,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 5,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 10% of individuals in NE-2, or some 68,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 12,000 U.S. citizen children in NE-2 live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 12,000 undocumented individuals in NE-2 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 7,000 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 **\$138 million annually to NE-2's economy**. They also contribute \$18 million in state and local taxes each year.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 4,000 and **contributed \$41 million to NE-2's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 11,000 immigrants in NE-2 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$257 million to NE-2'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 4,000 workers in NE-2's labor force, and paying an estimated \$43 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$2.8 billion

Annual spending power

\$923 million

Annual combined taxes paid

7,000

Self-employed

25%

With college or advanced degrees

85%

Speak English

80%

Earn above the minimum needed to live