

Immigrants Make NE-3 Stronger

*An estimated **59,000** immigrants live in NE-3, making up **9%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **10%** of households in NE-3.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of NE-3's economy. Some 11% of NE-3's labor force are immigrants, including 15% of the construction industry, 11% of agriculture, 30% of manufacturing, 11% of business services, and 11% of leisure and hospitality.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost NE-3's communities. Some 11,000 immigrants, or about 19% of all immigrants in NE-3, are U.S. citizens. About 10,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 1,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 9% of individuals in NE-3, or some 61,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 14,000 U.S. citizen children in NE-3 live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 14,000 undocumented individuals in NE-3 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 3,000 and **contribute \$111 million annually to NE-3's economy.** They also contribute \$15 million in state and local taxes each year.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 1,000 and **contributed \$1 million to NE-3's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 14,000 immigrants in NE-3 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$290 million to NE-3'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 11,000 workers in NE-3's labor force, and paying an estimated \$47 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$1.6 billion

Annual spending power

\$406 million

Annual combined taxes paid

5,000

Self-employed

16%

With college or advanced degrees

79%

Speak English

86%

Earn above the minimum needed to live