

Immigrants Make NJ-1 Stronger

*An estimated **85,000** immigrants live in NJ-1, making up **11%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **15%** of households in NJ-1.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of NJ-1's economy. Some 13% of NJ-1's labor force are immigrants, including 9% of the construction industry, 27% of agriculture, 21% of manufacturing, 13% of business services, and 11% of leisure and hospitality.

About **5,000** immigrants in NJ-1 work in **STEM-related jobs**, of which 13% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 19% of STEM degree holders in NJ-1 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost NJ-1's communities. Some 46,000 immigrants, or about 55% of all immigrants in NJ-1, are U.S. citizens. About 13,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 3,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated **6%** of individuals in NJ-1, or some **49,000**, are either **undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant**. Some 9,000 U.S. citizen children in NJ-1 live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 11,000 undocumented individuals in NJ-1 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 5,000 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 \$97 million annually to NJ-1's economy**. They also contribute \$13 million in state and local taxes each year.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 2,000 and **contributed \$26 million to NJ-1's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 5,000 immigrants in NJ-1 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$105 million to NJ-1'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 NJ-1's labor force, and paying an estimated \$18 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$3.0 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.1 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

7,000

Self-employed

35%

With college or advanced degrees

93%

Speak English

80%

Earn above the minimum needed to live