

# Immigrants Make NJ-11 Stronger

*An estimated **185,000** immigrants live in NJ-11, making up **23%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **35%** of households in NJ-11.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of NJ-11's economy. Some 28% of NJ-11's labor force are immigrants, including 37% of the construction industry, 8% of agriculture, 38% of manufacturing, 29% of business services, and 24% of leisure and hospitality.

About 17,000 immigrants in NJ-11 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 15% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 39% of STEM degree holders in NJ-11 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost NJ-11's communities. Some 111,000 immigrants, or about 60% of all immigrants in NJ-11, are U.S. citizens. About 27,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 12,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 10% of individuals in NJ-11, or some 76,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 13,000 U.S. citizen children in NJ-11 live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 17,000 undocumented individuals in NJ-11 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 10,000 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 **\$119 million annually to NJ-11's economy**. They also contribute \$15 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 **\$42 million to NJ-11's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 8,000 immigrants in NJ-11 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$235 million to NJ-11'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 NJ-11's labor force, and paying an estimated \$43 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$9.1 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$3.8 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**18,000**

Self-employed

**48%**

With college or advanced degrees

**93%**

Speak English

**93%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live