Immigrants Make NJ-4 Stronger

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An estimated 86,000 immigrants live in NJ-4, making up 11% of the total population. Immigrants live in 16% of households in NJ-4.

Immigrants contribute to every sector of NJ-4's economy. Some 14% of NJ-4's labor force are immigrants, including 20% of the construction industry, 16% of agriculture, 22% of manufacturing, 16% of business services, and 12% of leisure and hospitality.

About 4,000 immigrants in NJ-4 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 6% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 21% of STEM degree holders in NJ-4 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost NJ-4's communities. Some 45,000 immigrants, or about 52% of all immigrants in NJ-4, are U.S. citizens. About 14,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 6% of individuals in NJ-4, or some 48,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 8,000 U.S. citizen children in NJ-4 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 11,000 undocumented individuals in NJ-4 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 $101 million annually to NJ-4's economy.** They also contribute $14 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 $79 million to NJ-4's economy** in 2024**.** Meanwhile, an estimated 6,000 immigrants in NJ-4 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute $193 million to NJ-4'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-4's labor force, and paying an estimated $34 million annually in state and local taxes.**

$3.7 billion

Annual spending power

$1.4 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

7,000

Self-employed

36%

With college or advanced degrees

96%

Speak English

88%

Earn above the minimum needed to live

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