

Immigrants Make NM-1 Stronger

*An estimated **79,000** immigrants live in NM-1, making up **11%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **14%** of households in NM-1.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of NM-1's economy. Some 12% of NM-1's labor force are immigrants, including 21% of the construction industry, 21% of agriculture, 18% of manufacturing, 12% of business services, and 13% of leisure and hospitality.

About **6,000** immigrants in NM-1 work in **STEM-related jobs**, of which 20% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 17% of STEM degree holders in NM-1 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost NM-1's communities. Some 27,000 immigrants, or about 34% of all immigrants in NM-1, are U.S. citizens. About 20,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 4,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 7% of individuals in NM-1, or some **52,000**, are either **undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant**. Some 9,000 U.S. citizen children in NM-1 live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 10,000 undocumented individuals in NM-1 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 6,000 and **contribute \$134 million annually to NM-1's economy**. They also contribute \$18 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 4,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 3,000 and **contributed \$94 million to NM-1's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 7,000 immigrants in NM-1 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$245 million to NM-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 6,000 workers in NM-1's labor force, and paying an estimated \$51 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$2.6 billion

Annual spending power

\$841 million

Annual combined taxes paid

5,000

Self-employed

34%

With college or advanced degrees

83%

Speak English

76%

Earn above the minimum needed to live