

# Immigrants Make NM-2 Stronger

*An estimated **96,000** immigrants live in NM-2, making up **13%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **20%** of households in NM-2.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of NM-2's economy. Some 15% of NM-2's labor force are immigrants, including 29% of the construction industry, 31% of agriculture, 19% of manufacturing, 14% of business services, and 13% of leisure and hospitality.

About **2,000** immigrants in NM-2 work in **STEM-related jobs**, of which 18% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 14% of STEM degree holders in NM-2 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost NM-2's communities. Some 34,000 immigrants, or about 35% of all immigrants in NM-2, are U.S. citizens. About 30,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 3,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated **9%** of individuals in NM-2, or some **67,000**, are either **undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant**. Some 16,000 U.S. citizen children in NM-2 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 NM-2 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 11,000 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 \$76 million annually to NM-2's economy**. They also contribute \$10 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

An estimated **5,000** immigrants in NM-2 are waiting for a decision on their **asylum claim**, and contribute \$82 million to NM-2'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 5,000 workers in NM-2's labor force, and paying an estimated \$22 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$2.4 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$704 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**8,000**

Self-employed

**14%**

With college or advanced degrees

**80%**

Speak English

**80%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live