

Immigrants Make NM-3 Stronger

*An estimated **61,000** immigrants live in NM-3, making up **9%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **11%** of households in NM-3.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of NM-3's economy. Some 11% of NM-3's labor force are immigrants, including 16% of the construction industry, 20% of agriculture, 17% of manufacturing, 11% of business services, and 15% of leisure and hospitality.

About **2,000** immigrants in NM-3 work in **STEM-related jobs**, of which 7% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 10% of STEM degree holders in NM-3 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost NM-3's communities. Some 21,000 immigrants, or about 35% of all immigrants in NM-3, are U.S. citizens. About 15,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated **7%** of individuals in NM-3, or some **46,000**, are either **undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant**. Some 13,000 U.S. citizen children in NM-3 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 15,000 undocumented individuals in NM-3 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 3,000 and **contribute \$75 million annually to NM-3'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 **2,000** immigrants in NM-3 are waiting for a decision on their **asylum claim**, and contribute \$30 million to NM-3'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 4,000 workers in NM-3's labor force, and paying an estimated \$13 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$1.7 billion

Annual spending power

\$498 million

Annual combined taxes paid

7,000

Self-employed

18%

With college or advanced degrees

85%

Speak English

81%

Earn above the minimum needed to live