

Immigrants Make NY-2 Stronger

*An estimated **171,000** immigrants live in NY-2, making up **22%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **27%** of households in NY-2.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of NY-2's economy. Some 26% of NY-2's labor force are immigrants, including 35% of the construction industry, 23% of agriculture, 52% of manufacturing, 30% of business services, and 27% of leisure and hospitality.

About **5,000** immigrants in NY-2 work in **STEM-related jobs**, of which 5% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 28% of STEM degree holders in NY-2 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost NY-2's communities. Some 79,000 immigrants, or about 46% of all immigrants in NY-2, are U.S. citizens. About 43,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 3,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated **17%** of individuals in NY-2, or some **130,000**, are either **undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant**. Some 22,000 U.S. citizen children in NY-2 live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 26,000 undocumented individuals in NY-2 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 16,000 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 11,000 and **contribute \$341 million annually to NY-2's economy**. They also contribute \$53 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 8,000 and **contributed \$267 million to NY-2's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 12,000 immigrants in NY-2 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$342 million to NY-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 12,000 workers in NY-2's labor force, and paying an estimated \$104 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$5.6 billion

Annual spending power

\$2.3 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

11,000

Self-employed

18%

With college or advanced degrees

88%

Speak English

96%

Earn above the minimum needed to live