

# Immigrants Make NY-26 Stronger

*An estimated **79,000** immigrants live in NY-26, making up **11%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **13%** of households in NY-26.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of NY-26's economy.** Some 12% of NY-26's labor force are immigrants, including 10% of the construction industry, 35% of agriculture, 15% of manufacturing, 10% of business services, and 8% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 5,000 immigrants in NY-26 work in STEM-related jobs,** of which 22% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 23% of STEM degree holders in NY-26 are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost NY-26's communities.** Some 44,000 immigrants, or about 56% of all immigrants in NY-26, are U.S. citizens. About 19,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 4,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**Some 25,000 are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 3,000 U.S. citizen children in NY-26 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 3,000 undocumented individuals in NY-26 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 2,000 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 \$69 million annually to NY-26's economy.** They also contribute \$10 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**An estimated 2,000 immigrants in NY-26 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim,** and contribute \$53 million to NY-26'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 2,000 workers in NY-26's labor force, and paying an estimated \$12 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$2.3 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$843 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**4,000**

Self-employed

**36%**

With college or advanced degrees

**96%**

Speak English

**72%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live