Immigrants Make NY-8 Stronger

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An estimated 294,000 immigrants live in NY-8, making up 39% of the total population. Immigrants live in 53% of households in NY-8.

Immigrants contribute to every sector of NY-8's economy. Some 45% of NY-8's labor force are immigrants, including 68% of the construction industry, 78% of agriculture, 45% of manufacturing, 37% of business services, and 39% of leisure and hospitality.

About 9,000 immigrants in NY-8 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 13% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 67% of STEM degree holders in NY-8 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost NY-8's communities. Some 173,000 immigrants, or about 59% of all immigrants in NY-8, are U.S. citizens. About 71,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 6,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 12% of individuals in NY-8, or some 92,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 11,000 U.S. citizen children in NY-8 live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 15,000 undocumented individuals in NY-8 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 9,000 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 $238 million annually to NY-8's economy.** They also contribute $42 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 5,000 and **contributed $109 million to NY-8's economy** in 2024**.** Meanwhile, an estimated 13,000 immigrants in NY-8 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute $334 million to NY-8'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 16,000 workers in NY-8's labor force, and paying an estimated $94 million annually in state and local taxes.**

$9.5 billion

Annual spending power

$3.7 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

18,000

Self-employed

33%

With college or advanced degrees

95%

Speak English

84%

Earn above the minimum needed to live

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