

# Immigrants Make OH-15 Stronger

*An estimated **82,000** immigrants live in OH-15, making up **10%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **10%** of households in OH-15.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of OH-15's economy. Some 12% of OH-15's labor force are immigrants, including 25% of the construction industry, 10% of manufacturing, 13% of business services, and 10% of leisure and hospitality.

About **6,000** immigrants in OH-15 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 7% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 22% of STEM degree holders in OH-15 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost OH-15's communities. Some 31,000 immigrants, or about 38% of all immigrants in OH-15, are U.S. citizens. About 17,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 5,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated **6%** of individuals in OH-15, or some **53,000**, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 10,000 U.S. citizen children in OH-15 live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 10,000 undocumented individuals in OH-15 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 6,000 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 5,000 and **contribute \$131 million annually to OH-15's economy**. They also contribute \$18 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 \$141 million to OH-15's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 7,000 immigrants in OH-15 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$94 million to OH-15'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 7,000 workers in OH-15's labor force, and paying an estimated \$38 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$2.9 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$970 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**7,000**

Self-employed

**41%**

With college or advanced degrees

**91%**

Speak English

**82%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live