

# Immigrants Make OH-8 Stronger

*An estimated **60,000** immigrants live in OH-8, making up **8%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **9%** of households in OH-8.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of OH-8's economy.** Some 9% of OH-8's labor force are immigrants, including 27% of agriculture, 10% of manufacturing, 10% of business services, and 9% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 3,000 immigrants in OH-8 work in STEM-related jobs,** of which 7% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 17% of STEM degree holders in OH-8 are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost OH-8's communities.** Some 26,000 immigrants, or about 44% of all immigrants in OH-8, are U.S. citizens. About 7,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 5% of individuals in OH-8, or some 43,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 8,000 U.S. citizen children in OH-8 live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 8,000 undocumented individuals in OH-8 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 4,000 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 2,000 and **contribute \$37 million annually to OH-8's economy.**

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 4,000 and **contributed \$27 million to OH-8's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 5,000 immigrants in OH-8 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$109 million to OH-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 5,000 workers in OH-8's labor force, and paying an estimated \$20 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$1.9 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$642 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**4,000**

Self-employed

**38%**

With college or advanced degrees

**86%**

Speak English

**81%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live