

Immigrants Make PA-17 Stronger

*An estimated **44,000** immigrants live in PA-17, making up **6%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **8%** of households in PA-17.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of PA-17's economy. Some 7% of PA-17's labor force are immigrants, including 5% of the construction industry, 54% of agriculture, 5% of manufacturing, 9% of business services, and 10% of leisure and hospitality.

About 7,000 immigrants in PA-17 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 46% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 18% of STEM degree holders in PA-17 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost PA-17's communities. Some 21,000 immigrants, or about 47% of all immigrants in PA-17, are U.S. citizens. About 8,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 6,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

Some 18,000 are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 1,000 U.S. citizen children in PA-17 live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 4,000 undocumented individuals in PA-17 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.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 1,000 and **contributed \$21 million to PA-17's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 2,000 immigrants in PA-17 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$69 million to PA-17'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 PA-17's labor force, and paying an estimated \$15 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$2.1 billion

Annual spending power

\$818 million

Annual combined taxes paid

2,000

Self-employed

66%

With college or advanced degrees

97%

Speak English

90%

Earn above the minimum needed to live