

Immigrants Make PA-2 Stronger

*An estimated **162,000** immigrants live in PA-2, making up **21%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **27%** of households in PA-2.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of PA-2's economy. Some 25% of PA-2's labor force are immigrants, including 39% of the construction industry, 39% of agriculture, 33% of manufacturing, 21% of business services, and 22% of leisure and hospitality.

About 7,000 immigrants in PA-2 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 16% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 36% of STEM degree holders in PA-2 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost PA-2's communities. Some 79,000 immigrants, or about 49% of all immigrants in PA-2, are U.S. citizens. About 27,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 4,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 12% of individuals in PA-2, or some 88,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 11,000 U.S. citizen children in PA-2 live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 18,000 undocumented individuals in PA-2 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 8,000 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 8,000 and **contribute \$240 million annually to PA-2's economy.** They also contribute \$33 million in state and local taxes each year.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 5,000 and **contributed \$175 million to PA-2's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 11,000 immigrants in PA-2 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$262 million to PA-2'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 9,000 workers in PA-2's labor force, and paying an estimated \$56 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$4.7 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.5 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

15,000

Self-employed

30%

With college or advanced degrees

89%

Speak English

78%

Earn above the minimum needed to live