

Immigrants Make PA-8 Stronger

*An estimated **81,000** immigrants live in PA-8, making up **11%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **12%** of households in PA-8.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of PA-8's economy. Some 12% of PA-8's labor force are immigrants, including 16% of the construction industry, 15% of agriculture, 14% of manufacturing, 15% of business services, and 10% of leisure and hospitality.

About 3,000 immigrants in PA-8 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 10% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 14% of STEM degree holders in PA-8 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost PA-8's communities. Some 38,000 immigrants, or about 47% of all immigrants in PA-8, are U.S. citizens. About 19,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 3,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 5% of individuals in PA-8, or some 39,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 5,000 U.S. citizen children in PA-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 PA-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 \$47 million annually to PA-8's economy.**

An estimated 6,000 immigrants in PA-8 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$192 million to PA-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 2,000 workers in PA-8's labor force, and paying an estimated \$26 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$2.5 billion

Annual spending power

\$799 million

Annual combined taxes paid

4,000

Self-employed

22%

With college or advanced degrees

87%

Speak English

82%

Earn above the minimum needed to live