

# Immigrants Make Port St. Lucie Metro Stronger



*An estimated **120,000** immigrants live in Port St. Lucie, making up **21%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **26%** of households in Port St. Lucie.*

## **Immigrants contribute to every sector of Port St. Lucie's economy.**

Some 26% of Port St. Lucie's labor force are immigrants, including 33% of the construction industry, 56% of agriculture, 25% of manufacturing, 26% of business services, and 20% of leisure and hospitality.

**\$3.4 billion**

Annual spending power

## **Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Port St. Lucie's communities.**

Some 62,000 immigrants, or about 52% of all immigrants in Port St. Lucie, are U.S. citizens. About 16,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**\$927 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

## **An estimated 12% of individuals in Port St. Lucie, or some 69,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.**

Some 10,000 U.S. citizen children in Port St. Lucie live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 14,000 undocumented individuals in Port St. Lucie have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 9,000 of those living in the U.S. for more than 20 years.

**10,000**

Self-employed

## **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 \$86 million annually to Port St. Lucie's economy.**

They also contribute \$9 million in state and local taxes each year.

**25%**

With college or advanced degrees

## **Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 7,000 and contributed \$126 million to Port St. Lucie's economy in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 13,000 immigrants in Port St. Lucie are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$157 million to Port St. Lucie's economy annually.**

**94%**

Speak English

## **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 Port St. Lucie's labor force, and paying an estimated \$36 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**82%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live