

Immigrants Make RI-1 Stronger

*An estimated **111,000** immigrants live in RI-1, making up **20%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **26%** of households in RI-1.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of RI-1's economy. Some 25% of RI-1's labor force are immigrants, including 42% of the construction industry, 18% of agriculture, 28% of manufacturing, 28% of business services, and 30% of leisure and hospitality.

About 3,000 immigrants in RI-1 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 21% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 19% of STEM degree holders in RI-1 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost RI-1's communities. Some 49,000 immigrants, or about 44% of all immigrants in RI-1, are U.S. citizens. About 25,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 5,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 12% of individuals in RI-1, or some 66,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 12,000 U.S. citizen children in RI-1 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 11,000 undocumented individuals in RI-1 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 5,000 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 4,000 and **contribute \$92 million annually to RI-1's economy.** They also contribute \$12 million in state and local taxes each year.

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 12,000 workers in RI-1's labor force, and paying an estimated \$44 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$3.7 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.1 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

12,000

Self-employed

22%

With college or advanced degrees

81%

Speak English

82%

Earn above the minimum needed to live