

Immigrants Make RI-2 Stronger

*An estimated **76,000** immigrants live in RI-2, making up **14%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **17%** of households in RI-2.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of RI-2's economy. Some 16% of RI-2's labor force are immigrants, including 16% of the construction industry, 14% of agriculture, 21% of manufacturing, 16% of business services, and 17% of leisure and hospitality.

About 5,000 immigrants in RI-2 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 15% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 22% of STEM degree holders in RI-2 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost RI-2's communities. Some 36,000 immigrants, or about 48% of all immigrants in RI-2, 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 7% of individuals in RI-2, or some 39,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 8,000 U.S. citizen children in RI-2 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 8,000 undocumented individuals in RI-2 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 3,000 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 3,000 and **contribute \$53 million annually to RI-2's economy.**

An estimated 5,000 immigrants in RI-2 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$130 million to RI-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 2,000 workers in RI-2's labor force, and paying an estimated \$19 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$2.7 billion

Annual spending power

\$918 million

Annual combined taxes paid

5,000

Self-employed

29%

With college or advanced degrees

89%

Speak English

81%

Earn above the minimum needed to live