Immigrants Make SC-2 Stronger

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An estimated 53,000 immigrants live in SC-2, making up 7% of the total population. Immigrants live in 9% of households in SC-2.

Immigrants contribute to every sector of SC-2's economy. Some 9% of SC-2's labor force are immigrants, including 19% of the construction industry, 33% of agriculture, 6% of manufacturing, 8% of business services, and 8% of leisure and hospitality.

About 5,000 immigrants in SC-2 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 11% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 20% of STEM degree holders in SC-2 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost SC-2's communities. Some 21,000 immigrants, or about 39% of all immigrants in SC-2, are U.S. citizens. About 12,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 3,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

Some 32,000 are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 6,000 U.S. citizen children in SC-2 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 SC-2 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 3,000 and **contribute $59 million annually to SC-2's economy.**

An estimated 4,000 immigrants in SC-2 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute $68 million to SC-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 4,000 workers in SC-2's labor force, and paying an estimated $12 million annually in state and local taxes.**

$1.9 billion

Annual spending power

$591 million

Annual combined taxes paid

5,000

Self-employed

41%

With college or advanced degrees

90%

Speak English

86%

Earn above the minimum needed to live

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