

Immigrants Make SC-3 Stronger

*An estimated **40,000** immigrants live in SC-3, making up **5%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **8%** of households in SC-3.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of SC-3's economy. Some 7% of SC-3's labor force are immigrants, including 12% of the construction industry, 7% of manufacturing, 8% of business services, and 15% of leisure and hospitality.

About 2,000 immigrants in SC-3 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 27% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 13% of STEM degree holders in SC-3 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost SC-3's communities. Some 13,000 immigrants, or about 32% of all immigrants in SC-3, are U.S. citizens. About 6,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 5% of individuals in SC-3, or some 36,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 9,000 U.S. citizen children in SC-3 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 SC-3 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 6,000 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 \$72 million annually to SC-3's economy.** They also contribute \$8 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 4,000 and **contributed \$54 million to SC-3's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 7,000 immigrants in SC-3 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$73 million to SC-3'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 6,000 workers in SC-3's labor force, and paying an estimated \$11 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$1.2 billion

Annual spending power

\$321 million

Annual combined taxes paid

4,000

Self-employed

23%

With college or advanced degrees

93%

Speak English

77%

Earn above the minimum needed to live