

# Immigrants Make SC-7 Stronger

*An estimated **44,000** immigrants live in SC-7, making up **6%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **7%** of households in SC-7.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of SC-7's economy.** Some 7% of SC-7's labor force are immigrants, including 19% of the construction industry, 13% of agriculture, 6% of manufacturing, 7% of business services, and 9% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 1,000 immigrants in SC-7 work in STEM-related jobs.** In all, 19% of STEM degree holders in SC-7 are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost SC-7's communities.** Some 14,000 immigrants, or about 32% of all immigrants in SC-7, are U.S. citizens. About 7,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 5% of individuals in SC-7, or some 37,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 8,000 U.S. citizen children in SC-7 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-7 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 4,000 and **contribute \$95 million annually to SC-7's economy.** They also contribute \$11 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**An estimated 3,000 immigrants in SC-7 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim,** and contribute \$63 million to SC-7'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 SC-7's labor force, and paying an estimated \$10 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$1.2 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$342 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**5,000**

Self-employed

**29%**

With college or advanced degrees

**94%**

Speak English

**79%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live