

Immigrants Make TN-5 Stronger

*An estimated **117,000** immigrants live in TN-5, making up **14%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **15%** of households in TN-5.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of TN-5's economy. Some 17% of TN-5's labor force are immigrants, including 37% of the construction industry, 22% of agriculture, 17% of manufacturing, 15% of business services, and 23% of leisure and hospitality.

About 7,000 immigrants in TN-5 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 36% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 22% of STEM degree holders in TN-5 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost TN-5's communities. Some 40,000 immigrants, or about 34% of all immigrants in TN-5, are U.S. citizens. About 20,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 8,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 11% of individuals in TN-5, or some 90,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 17,000 U.S. citizen children in TN-5 live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 17,000 undocumented individuals in TN-5 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 8,000 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 10,000 and **contribute \$313 million annually to TN-5's economy**. They also contribute \$39 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 3,000 and **contributed \$73 million to TN-5's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 11,000 immigrants in TN-5 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$254 million to TN-5'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 11,000 workers in TN-5's labor force, and paying an estimated \$67 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$4.4 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.4 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

13,000

Self-employed

37%

With college or advanced degrees

90%

Speak English

85%

Earn above the minimum needed to live