

# Immigrants Make TN-6 Stronger

*An estimated **56,000** immigrants live in TN-6, making up **7%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **10%** of households in TN-6.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of TN-6's economy. Some 8% of TN-6's labor force are immigrants, including 22% of the construction industry, 14% of agriculture, 8% of manufacturing, 9% of business services, and 9% of leisure and hospitality.

About 3,000 immigrants in TN-6 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 23% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 12% of STEM degree holders in TN-6 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost TN-6's communities. Some 16,000 immigrants, or about 29% of all immigrants in TN-6, are U.S. citizens. About 7,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 3,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 6% of individuals in TN-6, or some 47,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 8,000 U.S. citizen children in TN-6 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 9,000 undocumented individuals in TN-6 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 5,000 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 5,000 and contribute \$170 million annually to TN-6's economy. They also contribute \$22 million in state and local taxes each year.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 1,000 and contributed \$11 million to TN-6's economy in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 7,000 immigrants in TN-6 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$179 million to TN-6'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 TN-6's labor force, and paying an estimated \$45 million annually in state and local taxes.

**\$1.8 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$530 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**5,000**

Self-employed

**28%**

With college or advanced degrees

**92%**

Speak English

**79%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live