

# Immigrants Make TN-7 Stronger

*An estimated **53,000** immigrants live in TN-7, making up **7%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **9%** of households in TN-7.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of TN-7's economy.** Some 9% of TN-7's labor force are immigrants, including 18% of the construction industry, 10% of manufacturing, 7% of business services, and 6% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 5,000 immigrants in TN-7 work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 29% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 14% of STEM degree holders in TN-7 are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost TN-7's communities.** Some 18,000 immigrants, or about 35% of all immigrants in TN-7, are U.S. citizens. About 8,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 5,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 5% of individuals in TN-7, or some 38,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 7,000 U.S. citizen children in TN-7 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 TN-7 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 \$143 million annually to TN-7's economy.** They also contribute \$18 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 2,000 and **contributed \$35 million to TN-7's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 3,000 immigrants in TN-7 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$78 million to TN-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 7,000 workers in TN-7's labor force, and paying an estimated \$41 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$2.2 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$666 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**6,000**

Self-employed

**39%**

With college or advanced degrees

**94%**

Speak English

**94%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live