

Immigrants Make TN-8 Stronger

*An estimated **40,000** immigrants live in TN-8, making up **5%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **8%** of households in TN-8.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of TN-8's economy. Some 6% of TN-8's labor force are immigrants, including 10% of the construction industry, 10% of agriculture, 5% of manufacturing, 7% of business services, and 8% of leisure and hospitality.

About 2,000 immigrants in TN-8 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 37% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 17% of STEM degree holders in TN-8 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost TN-8's communities. Some 12,000 immigrants, or about 31% of all immigrants in TN-8, are U.S. citizens. About 6,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

Some 33,000 are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 6,000 U.S. citizen children in TN-8 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 TN-8 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 2,000 and **contribute \$44 million annually to TN-8's economy.**

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 4,000 and **contributed \$108 million to TN-8's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 8,000 immigrants in TN-8 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$227 million to TN-8'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 TN-8's labor force, and paying an estimated \$28 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$1.5 billion

Annual spending power

\$481 million

Annual combined taxes paid

4,000

Self-employed

35%

With college or advanced degrees

94%

Speak English

79%

Earn above the minimum needed to live