Immigrants Make TX-12 Stronger

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An estimated 116,000 immigrants live in TX-12, making up 13% of the total population.
Immigrants live in 20% of households in TX-12.

Immigrants contribute to every sector of TX-12's economy. Some 16% of TX-12's labor force are immigrants, including 29% of the construction industry, 15% of agriculture, 20% of manufacturing, 16% of business services, and 18% of leisure and hospitality.

About 5,000 immigrants in TX-12 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 23% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 15% of STEM degree holders in TX-12 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost TX-12's communities. Some 45,000 immigrants, or about 39% of all immigrants in TX-12, are U.S. citizens. About 21,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 6,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 10% of individuals in TX-12, or some 85,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 18,000 U.S. citizen children in TX-12 live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 21,000 undocumented individuals in TX-12 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 15,000 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 7,000 and **contribute $195 million annually to TX-12's economy.** They also contribute $23 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 3,000 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 $73 million to TX-12's economy** in 2024**.** Meanwhile, an estimated 9,000 immigrants in TX-12 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute $188 million to TX-12'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 10,000 workers in TX-12's labor force, and paying an estimated $46 million annually in state and local taxes.**

$3.8 billion

Annual spending power

$1.1 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

10,000

Self-employed

25%

With college or advanced degrees

89%

Speak English

87%

Earn above the minimum needed to live

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