

# Immigrants Make TX-15 Stronger

*An estimated **184,000** immigrants live in TX-15, making up **22%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **37%** of households in TX-15.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of TX-15's economy.** Some 27% of TX-15's labor force are immigrants, including 44% of the construction industry, 51% of agriculture, 33% of manufacturing, 25% of business services, and 25% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 2,000 immigrants in TX-15 work in STEM-related jobs,** of which 26% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 37% of STEM degree holders in TX-15 are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost TX-15's communities.** Some 56,000 immigrants, or about 31% of all immigrants in TX-15, are U.S. citizens. About 46,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 5,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 21% of individuals in TX-15, or some 172,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 47,000 U.S. citizen children in TX-15 live with an undocumented parent, while some 8,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 47,000 undocumented individuals in TX-15 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 28,000 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 15,000 and **contribute \$335 million annually to TX-15's economy.** They also contribute \$42 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 4,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**An estimated 4,000 immigrants in TX-15 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim,** and contribute \$74 million to TX-15'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 8,000 workers in TX-15's labor force, and paying an estimated \$30 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$4.3 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$1.1 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**26,000**

Self-employed

**18%**

With college or advanced degrees

**65%**

Speak English

**73%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live