

# Immigrants Make TX-17 Stronger

*An estimated **97,000** immigrants live in TX-17, making up **12%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **16%** of households in TX-17.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of TX-17's economy. Some 16% of TX-17's labor force are immigrants, including 28% of the construction industry, 20% of agriculture, 22% of manufacturing, 20% of business services, and 16% of leisure and hospitality.

About 9,000 immigrants in TX-17 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 28% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 30% of STEM degree holders in TX-17 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost TX-17's communities. Some 36,000 immigrants, or about 37% of all immigrants in TX-17, are U.S. citizens. About 17,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 6,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 10% of individuals in TX-17, or some 80,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 21,000 U.S. citizen children in TX-17 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 23,000 undocumented individuals in TX-17 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 17,000 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 6,000 and contribute **\$203 million annually to TX-17's economy**. They also contribute \$24 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 1,000 and contributed **\$11 million to TX-17's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 5,000 immigrants in TX-17 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$184 million to TX-17'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 **5,000 workers in TX-17's labor force**, and paying an estimated **\$29 million annually in state and local taxes**.

**\$3.6 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$1.1 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**9,000**

Self-employed

**31%**

With college or advanced degrees

**85%**

Speak English

**90%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live