

Immigrants Make TX-2 Stronger

*An estimated **160,000** immigrants live in TX-2, making up **18%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **28%** of households in TX-2.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of TX-2's economy. Some 23% of TX-2's labor force are immigrants, including 34% of the construction industry, 38% of agriculture, 30% of manufacturing, 29% of business services, and 17% of leisure and hospitality.

About 10,000 immigrants in TX-2 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 24% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 29% of STEM degree holders in TX-2 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost TX-2's communities. Some 63,000 immigrants, or about 39% of all immigrants in TX-2, are U.S. citizens. About 29,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 14,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 13% of individuals in TX-2, or some 112,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 25,000 U.S. citizen children in TX-2 live with an undocumented parent, while some 5,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 31,000 undocumented individuals in TX-2 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 19,000 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 13,000 and contribute **\$329 million annually to TX-2's economy**. They also contribute \$40 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 4,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 4,000 and contributed **\$96 million to TX-2's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 10,000 immigrants in TX-2 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$244 million to TX-2'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 **12,000 workers in TX-2's labor force, and paying an estimated \$60 million annually in state and local taxes**.

\$6.9 billion

Annual spending power

\$2.3 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

18,000

Self-employed

35%

With college or advanced degrees

93%

Speak English

87%

Earn above the minimum needed to live