

# Immigrants Make TX-20 Stronger

*An estimated **147,000** immigrants live in TX-20, making up **18%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **25%** of households in TX-20.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of TX-20's economy. Some 20% of TX-20's labor force are immigrants, including 45% of the construction industry, 28% of agriculture, 27% of manufacturing, 22% of business services, and 22% of leisure and hospitality.

About 5,000 immigrants in TX-20 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 35% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 25% of STEM degree holders in TX-20 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost TX-20's communities. Some 41,000 immigrants, or about 28% of all immigrants in TX-20, are U.S. citizens. About 30,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 8,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 16% of individuals in TX-20, or some 127,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 23,000 U.S. citizen children in TX-20 live with an undocumented parent, while some 6,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 25,000 undocumented individuals in TX-20 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 14,000 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 8,000 and contribute **\$177 million annually to TX-20's economy**. They also contribute \$23 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 5,000 and contributed **\$80 million to TX-20's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 19,000 immigrants in TX-20 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$408 million to TX-20'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 **15,000 workers in TX-20's labor force**, and paying an estimated **\$75 million annually in state and local taxes**.

**\$3.8 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$1.0 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**14,000**

Self-employed

**21%**

With college or advanced degrees

**83%**

Speak English

**76%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live