

# Immigrants Make TX-23 Stronger

*An estimated **135,000** immigrants live in TX-23, making up **16%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **29%** of households in TX-23.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of TX-23's economy. Some 18% of TX-23's labor force are immigrants, including 34% of the construction industry, 27% of agriculture, 32% of manufacturing, 19% of business services, and 16% of leisure and hospitality.

About 4,000 immigrants in TX-23 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 17% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 23% of STEM degree holders in TX-23 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost TX-23's communities. Some 56,000 immigrants, or about 42% of all immigrants in TX-23, are U.S. citizens. About 33,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 5,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 11% of individuals in TX-23, or some 87,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 21,000 U.S. citizen children in TX-23 live with an undocumented parent, while some 6,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 17,000 undocumented individuals in TX-23 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 9,000 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 **\$179 million annually to TX-23's economy**. They also contribute \$22 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 **\$23 million to TX-23's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 5,000 immigrants in TX-23 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$109 million to TX-23'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 6,000 workers in TX-23's labor force, and paying an estimated \$26 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$4.2 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$1.2 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**11,000**

Self-employed

**25%**

With college or advanced degrees

**83%**

Speak English

**81%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live