Immigrants Make TX-28 Stronger

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An estimated 143,000 immigrants live in TX-28, making up 17% of the total population.
Immigrants live in 31% of households in TX-28.

Immigrants contribute to every sector of TX-28's economy. Some 21% of TX-28's labor force are immigrants, including 33% of the construction industry, 24% of agriculture, 22% of manufacturing, 23% of business services, and 21% of leisure and hospitality.

About 3,000 immigrants in TX-28 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 14% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 23% of STEM degree holders in TX-28 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost TX-28's communities. Some 51,000 immigrants, or about 35% of all immigrants in TX-28, are U.S. citizens. About 38,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 4,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 15% of individuals in TX-28, or some 125,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 36,000 U.S. citizen children in TX-28 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-28 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 16,000 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 $166 million annually to TX-28's economy.** They also contribute $20 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 3,000 and **contributed $64 million to TX-28's economy** in 2024**.** Meanwhile, an estimated 8,000 immigrants in TX-28 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute $199 million to TX-28'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-28's labor force, and paying an estimated $43 million annually in state and local taxes.**

$3.8 billion
Annual spending power

$992 million
Annual combined taxes paid

16,000
Self-employed

17%
With college or advanced degrees

75%
Speak English

74%
Earn above the minimum needed to live

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