

# Immigrants Make TX-29 Stronger

*An estimated **302,000** immigrants live in TX-29, making up **36%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **43%** of households in TX-29.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of TX-29's economy. Some 43% of TX-29's labor force are immigrants, including 69% of the construction industry, 49% of agriculture, 50% of manufacturing, 42% of business services, and 46% of leisure and hospitality.

About 5,000 immigrants in TX-29 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 26% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 45% of STEM degree holders in TX-29 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost TX-29's communities. Some 70,000 immigrants, or about 23% of all immigrants in TX-29, are U.S. citizens. About 55,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 10,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 36% of individuals in TX-29, or some 308,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 67,000 U.S. citizen children in TX-29 live with an undocumented parent, while some 7,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 67,000 undocumented individuals in TX-29 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 44,000 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 22,000 and contribute **\$607 million annually to TX-29's economy**. They also contribute \$75 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 10,000 and contributed **\$325 million to TX-29's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 37,000 immigrants in TX-29 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$764 million to TX-29'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 32,000 workers in TX-29's labor force, and paying an estimated \$163 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$7.6 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$2.1 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**25,000**

Self-employed

**14%**

With college or advanced degrees

**76%**

Speak English

**74%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live