# Immigrants Make TX-31 Stronger

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***An estimated 117,000 immigrants live in TX-31, making up 13% of the total population.***
***Immigrants live in 19% of households in TX-31.***

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of TX-31's economy.** Some 17% of TX-31's labor force are immigrants, including 27% of the construction industry, 15% of agriculture, 20% of manufacturing, 24% of business services, and 13% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 17,000 immigrants in TX-31 work in STEM-related jobs,** of which 38% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 32% of STEM degree holders in TX-31 are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost TX-31's communities.** Some 47,000 immigrants, or about 40% of all immigrants in TX-31, are U.S. citizens. About 23,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 15,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 7% of individuals in TX-31, or some 63,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 15,000 U.S. citizen children in TX-31 live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 14,000 undocumented individuals in TX-31 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 6,000 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 4,000 and **contribute $119 million annually to TX-31's economy.** They also contribute $15 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 4,000 and **contributed $65 million to TX-31's economy** in 2024**.** Meanwhile, an estimated 10,000 immigrants in TX-31 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute $472 million to TX-31'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 11,000 workers in TX-31's labor force, and paying an estimated $65 million annually in state and local taxes.**

***$5.4 billion***

Annual spending power

***$1.8 billion***

Annual combined taxes paid

***13,000***

Self-employed

***44%***

With college or advanced degrees

***91%***

Speak English

***91%***

Earn above the minimum needed to live

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