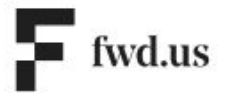


Immigrants Make TX-37 Stronger



*An estimated **166,000** immigrants live in TX-37, making up **21%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **26%** of households in TX-37.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of TX-37's economy. Some 24% of TX-37's labor force are immigrants, including 44% of the construction industry, 20% of agriculture, 32% of manufacturing, 27% of business services, and 22% of leisure and hospitality.

About 28,000 immigrants in TX-37 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 45% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 39% of STEM degree holders in TX-37 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost TX-37's communities. Some 54,000 immigrants, or about 32% of all immigrants in TX-37, are U.S. citizens. About 30,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 33,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 10% of individuals in TX-37, or some 81,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 8,000 U.S. citizen children in TX-37 live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 18,000 undocumented individuals in TX-37 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 6,000 and **contribute \$182 million annually to TX-37's economy.** They also contribute \$22 million in state and local taxes each year.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 1,000 and **contributed \$38 million to TX-37's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 13,000 immigrants in TX-37 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$468 million to TX-37'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 10,000 workers in TX-37's labor force, and paying an estimated \$66 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$9.4 billion

Annual spending power

\$3.4 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

10,000

Self-employed

59%

With college or advanced degrees

90%

Speak English

91%

Earn above the minimum needed to live