

Immigrants Make TX-38 Stronger

*An estimated **260,000** immigrants live in TX-38, making up **30%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **38%** of households in TX-38.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of TX-38's economy. Some 36% of TX-38's labor force are immigrants, including 45% of the construction industry, 49% of agriculture, 44% of manufacturing, 37% of business services, and 34% of leisure and hospitality.

About 21,000 immigrants in TX-38 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 21% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 47% of STEM degree holders in TX-38 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost TX-38's communities. Some 99,000 immigrants, or about 38% of all immigrants in TX-38, are U.S. citizens. About 44,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 22,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 18% of individuals in TX-38, or some 157,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 27,000 U.S. citizen children in TX-38 live with an undocumented parent, while some 6,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 28,000 undocumented individuals in TX-38 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 14,000 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 9,000 and contribute **\$252 million annually to TX-38's economy**. They also contribute \$30 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 3,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 16,000 and contributed **\$383 million to TX-38's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 30,000 immigrants in TX-38 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$665 million to TX-38'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 **24,000 workers in TX-38's labor force**, and paying an estimated **\$136 million annually in state and local taxes**.

\$10.7 billion

Annual spending power

\$3.6 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

27,000

Self-employed

44%

With college or advanced degrees

89%

Speak English

80%

Earn above the minimum needed to live