

# Immigrants Make TX-7 Stronger

*An estimated **327,000** immigrants live in TX-7, making up **40%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **47%** of households in TX-7.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of TX-7's economy. Some 45% of TX-7's labor force are immigrants, including 68% of the construction industry, 65% of agriculture, 50% of manufacturing, 40% of business services, and 48% of leisure and hospitality.

About 20,000 immigrants in TX-7 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 22% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 52% of STEM degree holders in TX-7 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost TX-7's communities. Some 118,000 immigrants, or about 36% of all immigrants in TX-7, are U.S. citizens. About 51,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 20,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 25% of individuals in TX-7, or some 210,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 32,000 U.S. citizen children in TX-7 live with an undocumented parent, while some 8,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 39,000 undocumented individuals in TX-7 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 17,000 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 18,000 and contribute **\$483 million annually to TX-7's economy**. They also contribute \$61 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 14,000 and contributed **\$268 million to TX-7's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 45,000 immigrants in TX-7 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$889 million to TX-7'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 **33,000 workers in TX-7's labor force, and paying an estimated \$159 million annually in state and local taxes**.

**\$12.2 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$4.0 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**32,000**

Self-employed

**42%**

With college or advanced degrees

**83%**

Speak English

**81%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live