

Immigrants Make UT-2 Stronger

*An estimated **121,000** immigrants live in UT-2, making up **14%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **16%** of households in UT-2.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of UT-2's economy. Some 17% of UT-2's labor force are immigrants, including 28% of the construction industry, 21% of agriculture, 23% of manufacturing, 16% of business services, and 26% of leisure and hospitality.

About 5,000 immigrants in UT-2 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 18% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 15% of STEM degree holders in UT-2 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost UT-2's communities. Some 33,000 immigrants, or about 28% of all immigrants in UT-2, are U.S. citizens. About 17,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 6,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 13% of individuals in UT-2, or some 112,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 20,000 U.S. citizen children in UT-2 live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 26,000 undocumented individuals in UT-2 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 16,000 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 7,000 and contribute **\$203 million annually to UT-2's economy**. They also contribute \$26 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 5,000 and contributed **\$126 million to UT-2's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 13,000 immigrants in UT-2 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$369 million to UT-2'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 **12,000 workers in UT-2's labor force, and paying an estimated \$68 million annually in state and local taxes**.

\$3.8 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.1 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

8,000

Self-employed

25%

With college or advanced degrees

87%

Speak English

87%

Earn above the minimum needed to live