

# Immigrants Make VA-11 Stronger

*An estimated **244,000** immigrants live in VA-11, making up **31%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **42%** of households in VA-11.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of VA-11's economy. Some 37% of VA-11's labor force are immigrants, including 58% of the construction industry, 24% of agriculture, 40% of manufacturing, 34% of business services, and 38% of leisure and hospitality.

About 36,000 immigrants in VA-11 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 18% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 42% of STEM degree holders in VA-11 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost VA-11's communities. Some 141,000 immigrants, or about 58% of all immigrants in VA-11, are U.S. citizens. About 38,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 19,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 12% of individuals in VA-11, or some 98,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 17,000 U.S. citizen children in VA-11 live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 23,000 undocumented individuals in VA-11 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 11,000 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 **\$267 million annually to VA-11's economy**. They also contribute \$35 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 3,000 and contributed **\$103 million to VA-11's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 10,000 immigrants in VA-11 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$241 million to VA-11'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 VA-11's labor force, and paying an estimated \$51 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$12.4 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$4.9 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**20,000**

Self-employed

**59%**

With college or advanced degrees

**95%**

Speak English

**94%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live