

Immigrants Make VA-5 Stronger

*An estimated **39,000** immigrants live in VA-5, making up **5%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **7%** of households in VA-5.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of VA-5's economy. Some 7% of VA-5's labor force are immigrants, including 12% of the construction industry, 12% of business services, and 7% of leisure and hospitality.

About 2,000 immigrants in VA-5 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 11% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost VA-5's communities. Some 18,000 immigrants, or about 46% of all immigrants in VA-5, are U.S. citizens. About 8,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

Some 21,000 are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 3,000 U.S. citizen children in VA-5 live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 6,000 undocumented individuals in VA-5 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 3,000 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 2,000 and **contribute \$37 million annually to VA-5's economy.** Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

An estimated 3,000 immigrants in VA-5 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$97 million to VA-5'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 3,000 workers in VA-5's labor force, and paying an estimated \$14 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$1.5 billion

Annual spending power

\$466 million

Annual combined taxes paid

6,000

Self-employed

42%

With college or advanced degrees

94%

Speak English

90%

Earn above the minimum needed to live