

# Immigrants Make WA-5 Stronger

*An estimated **56,000** immigrants live in WA-5, making up **7%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **9%** of households in WA-5.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of WA-5's economy.** Some 10% of WA-5's labor force are immigrants, including 13% of the construction industry, 36% of agriculture, 9% of manufacturing, 6% of business services, and 14% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 2,000 immigrants in WA-5 work in STEM-related jobs.** In all, 15% of STEM degree holders in WA-5 are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost WA-5's communities.** Some 24,000 immigrants, or about 42% of all immigrants in WA-5, are U.S. citizens. About 14,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 1,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 5% of individuals in WA-5, or some 36,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 7,000 U.S. citizen children in WA-5 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 12,000 undocumented individuals in WA-5 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 8,000 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 5,000 and **contribute \$126 million annually to WA-5's economy.** They also contribute \$18 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**An estimated 2,000 immigrants in WA-5 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim,** and contribute \$16 million to WA-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 2,000 workers in WA-5's labor force, and paying an estimated \$7 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$2.1 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$671 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**7,000**

Self-employed

**30%**

With college or advanced degrees

**91%**

Speak English

**90%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live