

Immigrants Make WA-6 Stronger

*An estimated **68,000** immigrants live in WA-6, making up **9%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **14%** of households in WA-6.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of WA-6's economy. Some 10% of WA-6's labor force are immigrants, including 11% of the construction industry, 19% of agriculture, 11% of manufacturing, 10% of business services, and 10% of leisure and hospitality.

About 3,000 immigrants in WA-6 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 17% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 10% of STEM degree holders in WA-6 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost WA-6's communities. Some 34,000 immigrants, or about 51% of all immigrants in WA-6, are U.S. citizens. About 17,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

Some 28,000 are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 6,000 U.S. citizen children in WA-6 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 6,000 undocumented individuals in WA-6 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 3,000 and contribute **\$107 million annually to WA-6's economy**. They also contribute \$14 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 1,000 and **contributed \$11 million to WA-6's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 1,000 immigrants in WA-6 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$17 million to WA-6'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-6's labor force, and paying an estimated \$8 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$2.9 billion

Annual spending power

\$1.0 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

3,000

Self-employed

35%

With college or advanced degrees

95%

Speak English

86%

Earn above the minimum needed to live