

Immigrants Make WI-1 Stronger

*An estimated **47,000** immigrants live in WI-1, making up **7%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **9%** of households in WI-1.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of WI-1's economy.

Some 8% of WI-1's labor force are immigrants, including 6% of the construction industry, 19% of agriculture, 10% of manufacturing, 11% of business services, and 11% of leisure and hospitality.

About 2,000 immigrants in WI-1 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 25% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 14% of STEM degree holders in WI-1 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost WI-1's communities.

Some 23,000 immigrants, or about 48% of all immigrants in WI-1, are U.S. citizens. About 13,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 1,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

Some 20,000 are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 4,000 U.S. citizen children in WI-1 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 9,000 undocumented individuals in WI-1 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 5,000 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 1,000 and **contribute \$50 million annually to WI-1's economy.** They also contribute \$6 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

\$1.7 billion

Annual spending power

\$539 million

Annual combined taxes paid

2,000

Self-employed

27%

With college or advanced degrees

84%

Earn above the minimum needed to live