

Immigrants Make WI-4 Stronger

*An estimated **96,000** immigrants live in WI-4, making up **13%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **13%** of households in WI-4.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of WI-4's economy. Some 15% of WI-4's labor force are immigrants, including 28% of the construction industry, 12% of agriculture, 31% of manufacturing, 15% of business services, and 12% of leisure and hospitality.

About 4,000 immigrants in WI-4 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 47% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 23% of STEM degree holders in WI-4 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost WI-4's communities. Some 39,000 immigrants, or about 41% of all immigrants in WI-4, are U.S. citizens. About 20,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 6,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 8% of individuals in WI-4, or some 61,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 15,000 U.S. citizen children in WI-4 live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 15,000 undocumented individuals in WI-4 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 3,000 and **contribute \$101 million annually to WI-4's economy.** They also contribute \$12 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

An estimated 10,000 immigrants in WI-4 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$226 million to WI-4'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 11,000 workers in WI-4's labor force, and paying an estimated \$38 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$2.9 billion

Annual spending power

\$849 million

Annual combined taxes paid

3,000

Self-employed

28%

With college or advanced degrees

81%

Speak English

81%

Earn above the minimum needed to live