

Immigrants Make WI-7 Stronger

*An estimated **26,000** immigrants live in WI-7, making up **4%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **4%** of households in WI-7.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of WI-7's economy. Some 5% of WI-7's labor force are immigrants, including 4% of the construction industry, 4% of agriculture, 9% of manufacturing, 5% of business services, and 4% of leisure and hospitality.

About 1,000 immigrants in WI-7 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 17% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost WI-7's communities. Some 9,000 immigrants, or about 36% of all immigrants in WI-7, are U.S. citizens. About 6,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 1,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

Some 15,000 are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 1,000 U.S. citizen children in WI-7 live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 2,000 undocumented individuals in WI-7 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 1,000 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 \$23 million annually to WI-7's economy.**

An estimated 6,000 immigrants in WI-7 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$122 million to WI-7'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 6,000 workers in WI-7's labor force, and paying an estimated \$16 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$785 million

Annual spending power

\$230 million

Annual combined taxes paid

1,000

Self-employed

26%

With college or advanced degrees

97%

Speak English

86%

Earn above the minimum needed to live