IMMIGRANTS IN FLORIDA

- Almost 4.4 million immigrants call Florida home, accounting for 21% of 21 million people living in Florida.¹
- As of 2016, more than 800,000 lawful permanent residents living in Florida were eligible to naturalize.²

**656,000 UNDOCUMENTED**

- Immigrants live in Florida³
- 56% of undocumented immigrants in Florida have been living in the U.S. for 10+ years.
- About 16% have been living in the U.S. for 20+ years.

**1.4 MILLION CHILDREN**

- in Florida have at least one immigrant parent ⁴
- 84% of these children are U.S. citizens
- 16% are non-citizens

Florida is home to about 27,000 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients and 61,000 Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders. An additional 79,000 Dreamers without DACA live in Florida. Without a legislative solution, all of these individuals are or may soon become susceptible to deportation.⁵

**Immigrants in Florida Are Working**

**1 IN 4**

- FLORIDA WORKERS IS AN IMMIGRANT

Immigrants in Florida are more likely to participate in the workforce: About 67% of the state’s immigrants are working, compared to 64% of Florida’s U.S.-born population.⁷

Immigrant-owned businesses in Florida employed 847,000 workers in 2016. There are almost 375,000 immigrant entrepreneurs in Florida.⁸

Immigrants make up a substantial share of Florida’s healthcare workforce. 42% of health aides and 24% of nurses in Florida are foreign-born, supporting the state’s significant senior population.⁹

**Percentage of Immigrant Workers in Florida Industries**¹⁰

- Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, and mining: 48.9%
- Construction: 34.8%
- Other services (except public administration): 34%
- Wholesale trade: 30.7%
- Transportation and warehousing and utilities: 30.5%
- Manufacturing: 28.3%
- Professional, scientific, management, administrative & waste management services: 26.3%
Immigrants in Florida Fill Seasonal Work Needs

Florida is among the states with the most temporary workers certified by the Department of Labor to work in seasonal agricultural and non-agricultural jobs.

**AGRICULTURE**

Florida ranks 1st in the number of certified H-2A temporary agricultural visas at the request of Florida employers: **19,156 year to date in fiscal year (FY) 2019.**

In FY 2018, Florida ranked 2nd, with **30,462 positions certified.**

Top agricultural products reliant on H-2A workers: berries, citrus, and melons.

**SEASONAL WORKERS**

Florida ranks 3rd in the number of certified H-2B non-agricultural temporary worker positions, with **5,319 positions certified year to date in FY 2019.**

In FY 2018, Florida ranked 2nd, with **10,690 positions certified.**

The top positions reliant on H-2B workers: waiters and waitresses; maids and housekeeping cleaners; amusement and recreation attendants; landscaping and groundskeeping workers; and restaurant cooks.

**Immigrants Are Paying Taxes**

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