# IMMIGRANTS IN FLORIDA

Almost **4.4 million** immigrants call Florida home, accounting for **21%** of **21 million people** living in Florida.<sub>1</sub>



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As of 2016, more than **800,000 lawful permanent residents** living in Florida were eligible to naturalize. <sup>2</sup>

## 656,000 UNDOCUMENTED

immigrants live in Florida 3

**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**.

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ETRO AREA	FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION
MIAMI	23.2%

TAMPA 7.1% JACKSONVILLE 8.8% ORLANDO 11.1% 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.<sub>6</sub>

## **Immigrants in Florida Are Working**



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. <sup>8</sup>





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. ,

#### **Percentage of Immigrant Workers in Florida Industries**<sup>10</sup>

48.9%

Agriculture,

forestry, fishing

and hunting, and

mining

34.8%

Construction

Other services (except public administration)

34%

Wholesale trade

30.7% 30.5% 28.3%

and utilities

Transportation Manufacturing and warehousing

26.3%

Professional, scientific, management, administrative & waste management services

## **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.



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.** 11

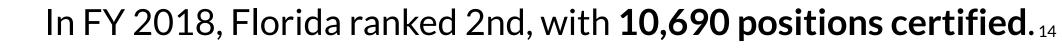
In FY 2018, Florida ranked 2nd, with **30,462 positions certified.** 12



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



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**. 13





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**

Immigrant households in Florida paid \$29 BILLION in state, local and federal taxes in 2017<sub>15</sub>

Undocumented immigrants in Florida paid \$1.6 BILLION

in state and local taxes in 2017  $_{16}$ 

