

# Immigrants Make Portland Stronger

*An estimated **341,000** immigrants live in Portland metro area, making up **14%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **18%** of households in Portland.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Portland's economy. Some 16% of Portland's labor force are immigrants, including 23% of the construction industry, 58% of agriculture, 23% of manufacturing, 14% of business services, and 16% of leisure and hospitality.

About 29,000 immigrants in Portland work in STEM-related jobs, of which 29% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 23% of STEM degree holders in Portland are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Portland's communities. Some 148,000 immigrants, or about 43% of all immigrants in Portland, are U.S. citizens. About 80,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 21,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 6% of individuals in Portland, or some 161,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 26,000 U.S. citizen children in Portland live with an undocumented parent, while some 7,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 57,000 undocumented individuals in Portland have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 36,000 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 14,000 and contribute \$508 million annually to Portland's economy. They also contribute \$67 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 4,900 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—number 7,000. Meanwhile, an estimated 16,000 immigrants in Portland are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$248 million to Portland'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 15,000 workers in Portland's labor force, and paying an estimated \$78 million annually in state and local taxes.

**\$13.3 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$4.7 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**35,000**

Self-employed

**35%**

With college or advanced degrees

**88%**

Speak English

**91%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live