

Immigrants Make OK-2 Stronger

*An estimated **24,000** immigrants live in OK-2, making up **3%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **4%** of households in OK-2.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of OK-2's economy. Some 4% of OK-2's labor force are immigrants, including 7% of the construction industry, 21% of agriculture, 7% of manufacturing, and 7% of leisure and hospitality.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost OK-2's communities. Some 8,000 immigrants, or about 34% of all immigrants in OK-2, are U.S. citizens. About 4,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 1,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

Some 21,000 are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 5,000 U.S. citizen children in OK-2 live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 8,000 undocumented individuals in OK-2 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 5,000 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 2,000 and **contribute \$96 million annually to OK-2's economy**. They also contribute \$12 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

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 2,000 workers in OK-2's labor force, and paying an estimated \$14 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$689 million

Annual spending power

\$191 million

Annual combined taxes paid

3,000

Self-employed

16%

With college or advanced degrees

91%

Speak English

84%

Earn above the minimum needed to live