

# Immigrants Make OK-3 Stronger

*An estimated **81,000** immigrants live in OK-3, making up **10%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **12%** of households in OK-3.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of OK-3's economy.** Some 13% of OK-3's labor force are immigrants, including 26% of the construction industry, 20% of agriculture, 26% of manufacturing, 14% of business services, and 9% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 2,000 immigrants in OK-3 work in STEM-related jobs,** of which 18% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 22% of STEM degree holders in OK-3 are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost OK-3's communities.** Some 26,000 immigrants, or about 33% of all immigrants in OK-3, are U.S. citizens. About 19,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 2,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 8% of individuals in OK-3, or some 64,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 15,000 U.S. citizen children in OK-3 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 18,000 undocumented individuals in OK-3 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 10,000 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 6,000 and **contribute \$164 million annually to OK-3's economy.** They also contribute \$21 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**An estimated 6,000 immigrants in OK-3 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim,** and contribute \$54 million to OK-3'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 4,000 workers in OK-3's labor force, and paying an estimated \$16 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$2.2 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$564 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**6,000**

Self-employed

**18%**

With college or advanced degrees

**87%**

Speak English

**84%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live