

Immigrants Make OK-4 Stronger

*An estimated **52,000** immigrants live in OK-4, making up **6%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **10%** of households in OK-4.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of OK-4's economy. Some 8% of OK-4's labor force are immigrants, including 13% of the construction industry, 8% of agriculture, 11% of manufacturing, 10% of business services, and 9% of leisure and hospitality.

About 2,000 immigrants in OK-4 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 41% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 21% of STEM degree holders in OK-4 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost OK-4's communities. Some 19,000 immigrants, or about 37% of all immigrants in OK-4, are U.S. citizens. About 10,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 3,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 5% of individuals in OK-4, or some 37,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 8,000 U.S. citizen children in OK-4 live with an undocumented parent, while some 1,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 11,000 undocumented individuals in OK-4 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 6,000 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 4,000 and **contribute \$52 million annually to OK-4's economy.** They also contribute \$7 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

An estimated 4,000 immigrants in OK-4 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$115 million to OK-4'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-4's labor force, and paying an estimated \$23 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$1.9 billion

Annual spending power

\$599 million

Annual combined taxes paid

5,000

Self-employed

28%

With college or advanced degrees

91%

Speak English

83%

Earn above the minimum needed to live