

# Immigrants Make OK-5 Stronger

*An estimated **62,000** immigrants live in OK-5, making up **8%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **11%** of households in OK-5.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of OK-5's economy.** Some 10% of OK-5's labor force are immigrants, including 22% of the construction industry, 11% of agriculture, 13% of manufacturing, 9% of business services, and 7% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 5,000 immigrants in OK-5 work in STEM-related jobs,** of which 41% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 25% of STEM degree holders in OK-5 are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost OK-5's communities.** Some 26,000 immigrants, or about 42% of all immigrants in OK-5, are U.S. citizens. About 12,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 5,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 5% of individuals in OK-5, or some 44,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.** Some 11,000 U.S. citizen children in OK-5 live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 11,000 undocumented individuals in OK-5 have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 7,000 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 \$145 million annually to OK-5's economy.** They also contribute \$18 million in state and local taxes each year.

**An estimated 5,000 immigrants in OK-5 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim,** and contribute \$113 million to OK-5'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-5's labor force, and paying an estimated \$17 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$2.6 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$895 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**7,000**

Self-employed

**39%**

With college or advanced degrees

**95%**

Speak English

**85%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live