

Immigrants Make OR-2 Stronger

*An estimated **42,000** immigrants live in OR-2, making up **6%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **8%** of households in OR-2.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of OR-2's economy. Some 8% of OR-2's labor force are immigrants, including 8% of the construction industry, 24% of agriculture, 8% of manufacturing, 7% of business services, and 11% of leisure and hospitality.

About 1,000 immigrants in OR-2 work in STEM-related jobs, of which 3% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 9% of STEM degree holders in OR-2 are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost OR-2's communities. Some 15,000 immigrants, or about 36% of all immigrants in OR-2, are U.S. citizens. About 13,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 1,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

Some 24,000 are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 5,000 U.S. citizen children in OR-2 live with an undocumented parent, while some 2,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 10,000 undocumented individuals in OR-2 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 3,000 and **contribute \$71 million annually to OR-2's economy.** They also contribute \$10 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

An estimated 1,000 immigrants in OR-2 are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$17 million to OR-2'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 2,000 workers in OR-2's labor force, and paying an estimated \$10 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$1.4 billion

Annual spending power

\$424 million

Annual combined taxes paid

2,000

Self-employed

20%

With college or advanced degrees

90%

Speak English

90%

Earn above the minimum needed to live