

Immigrants Make Oklahoma Stronger

*An estimated **305,000** immigrants live in Oklahoma, making up **8%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **10%** of households in Oklahoma.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Oklahoma's economy.

Some 10% of Oklahoma's labor force are immigrants, including 21% of the construction industry, 17% of agriculture, 14% of manufacturing, 14% of business services, and 11% of leisure and hospitality.

About 12,000 immigrants in Oklahoma work in STEM-related jobs, of which 31% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 19% of STEM degree holders in Oklahoma are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Oklahoma's communities. Some 105,000 immigrants, or about 34% of all immigrants in Oklahoma, are U.S. citizens. About 59,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 14,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 6% of individuals in Oklahoma, or some 246,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant. Some 58,000 U.S. citizen children in Oklahoma live with an undocumented parent, while some 11,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 69,000 undocumented individuals in Oklahoma have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 41,000 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 24,000 and **contribute \$665 million annually to Oklahoma's economy.** They also contribute \$84 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 5,200 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 5,000 and **contributed \$107 million to Oklahoma's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 24,000 immigrants in Oklahoma are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$465 million to Oklahoma'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 21,000 workers in Oklahoma's labor force, and paying an estimated \$109 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$9.9 billion

Annual spending power

\$3.0 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

27,000

Self-employed

25%

With college or advanced degrees

90%

Speak English

84%

Earn above the minimum needed to live