

# Immigrants Make Oxnard-Ventura Metro Stronger

*An estimated **230,000** immigrants live in Oxnard-Ventura, making up **26%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **36%** of households in Oxnard-Ventura.*

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of Oxnard-Ventura's economy.**

Some 32% of Oxnard-Ventura's labor force are immigrants, including 41% of the construction industry, 83% of agriculture, 39% of manufacturing, 29% of business services, and 26% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 10,000 immigrants in Oxnard-Ventura work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 19% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 29% of STEM degree holders in Oxnard-Ventura are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Oxnard-Ventura's communities.**

Some 105,000 immigrants, or about 46% of all immigrants in Oxnard-Ventura, are U.S. citizens. About 58,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 7,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 15% of individuals in Oxnard-Ventura, or some 133,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.**

Some 19,000 U.S. citizen children in Oxnard-Ventura live with an undocumented parent, while some 3,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 49,000 undocumented individuals in Oxnard-Ventura have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 35,000 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 11,000 and **contribute \$295 million annually to Oxnard-Ventura's economy**. They also contribute \$41 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 5,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 1,000 and **contributed \$45 million to Oxnard-Ventura's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 4,000 immigrants in Oxnard-Ventura are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$111 million to Oxnard-Ventura'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 10,000 workers in Oxnard-Ventura's labor force, and paying an estimated \$42 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$8.0 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$2.9 billion**

Annual combined taxes paid

**21,000**

Self-employed

**22%**

With college or advanced degrees

**79%**

Speak English

**88%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live