

Immigrants Make Portland Metro Stronger

*An estimated **346,000** immigrants live in Portland, making up **14%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **19%** of households in Portland.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Portland's economy.

Some 17% of Portland's labor force are immigrants, including 20% of the construction industry, 43% of agriculture, 26% of manufacturing, 16% of business services, and 16% of leisure and hospitality.

About 34,000 immigrants in Portland work in STEM-related jobs, of which 25% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 26% of STEM degree holders in Portland are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Portland's communities.

Some 166,000 immigrants, or about 48% of all immigrants in Portland, are U.S. citizens. About 82,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 22,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 6% of individuals in Portland, or some 156,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 23,000 U.S. citizen children in Portland live with an undocumented parent, while some 6,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 38,000 undocumented individuals in Portland have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 22,000 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 14,000 and **contribute \$462 million annually to Portland's economy**. They also contribute \$63 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 4,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 3,000 and **contributed \$140 million to Portland's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 18,000 immigrants in Portland are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$522 million to Portland'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 Portland's labor force, and paying an estimated \$107 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$14.3 billion

Annual spending power

\$5.2 billion

Annual combined taxes paid

32,000

Self-employed

41%

With college or advanced degrees

92%

Speak English

90%

Earn above the minimum needed to live