

Immigrants Make Provo-Orem Metro Stronger



*An estimated **84,000** immigrants live in Provo-Orem, making up **11%** of the total population.*

*Immigrants live in **19%** of households in Provo-Orem.*

Immigrants contribute to every sector of Provo-Orem's economy.

Some 15% of Provo-Orem's labor force are immigrants, including 26% of the construction industry, 20% of manufacturing, 17% of business services, and 14% of leisure and hospitality.

About 5,000 immigrants in Provo-Orem work in STEM-related jobs, of which 26% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 11% of STEM degree holders in Provo-Orem are immigrants.

Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Provo-Orem's communities.

Some 26,000 immigrants, or about 31% of all immigrants in Provo-Orem, are U.S. citizens. About 12,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 9,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

An estimated 10% of individuals in Provo-Orem, or some 75,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.

Some 15,000 U.S. citizen children in Provo-Orem live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant. Some 15,000 undocumented individuals in Provo-Orem have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 6,000 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 8,000 and **contribute \$154 million annually to Provo-Orem's economy**. They also contribute \$19 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 2,000 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 \$68 million to Provo-Orem's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 13,000 immigrants in Provo-Orem are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$275 million to Provo-Orem'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 Provo-Orem's labor force, and paying an estimated \$41 million annually in state and local taxes.**

\$2.7 billion

Annual spending power

\$820 million

Annual combined taxes paid

8,000

Self-employed

33%

With college or advanced degrees

89%

Speak English

84%

Earn above the minimum needed to live