

# Immigrants Make Tulsa Metro Stronger

*An estimated **97,000** immigrants live in Tulsa, making up **8%** of the total population.*

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

**Immigrants contribute to every sector of Tulsa's economy.**

Some 11% of Tulsa's labor force are immigrants, including 25% of the construction industry, 13% of agriculture, 13% of manufacturing, 9% of business services, and 15% of leisure and hospitality.

**About 3,000 immigrants in Tulsa work in STEM-related jobs**, of which 15% are temporary immigrants on H-1B and other temporary work visas. In all, 13% of STEM degree holders in Tulsa are immigrants.

**Immigrants of all backgrounds boost Tulsa's communities.**

Some 31,000 immigrants, or about 32% of all immigrants in Tulsa, are U.S. citizens. About 16,000 are lawful permanent residents, and 3,000 are temporary immigrants (including nonimmigrant visa holders and international students).

**An estimated 7% of individuals in Tulsa, or some 86,000, are either undocumented immigrants or live with an undocumented immigrant.**

Some 19,000 U.S. citizen children in Tulsa live with an undocumented parent, while some 4,000 U.S. citizen spouses are married to an undocumented immigrant.

Some 24,000 undocumented individuals in Tulsa have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years, with 14,000 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 \$253 million annually to Tulsa's economy**. They also contribute \$32 million in state and local taxes each year. Some 1,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders**—immigrants who cannot safely return to their home countries—numbered 4,000 and **contributed \$75 million to Tulsa's economy** in 2024. Meanwhile, an estimated 9,000 immigrants in Tulsa are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim, and contribute \$177 million to Tulsa'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 9,000 workers in Tulsa's labor force, and paying an estimated \$47 million annually in state and local taxes.**

**\$3.0 billion**

Annual spending power

**\$864 million**

Annual combined taxes paid

**8,000**

Self-employed

**23%**

With college or advanced degrees

**90%**

Speak English

**86%**

Earn above the minimum needed to live