

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL  
Welcoming/Inclusive/  
Sanctuary City Task Force

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**Oregon has a sizeable community of immigrants.**

**As workers, business owners, taxpayers, and neighbors,  
immigrants are an integral part of Oregon's diverse and thriving  
communities and make extensive contributions that benefit all.**

# OREGON IMMIGRANT FACTS

- **One in 10 Oregon residents is an immigrant, while about one in eight residents is a native-born U.S. citizen with at least one immigrant parent.**
- In 2015, 397,293 immigrants (foreign-born individuals) comprised 9.9 percent of the population.
- Oregon was home to 191,777 women, 180,488 men, and 25,028 children who were immigrants.
- The top countries of origin for immigrants were Mexico (37 percent of immigrants), China (6 percent), Vietnam (5.2 percent), India (4.1 percent), and Canada (3.6 percent).
- In 2016, 498,875 people in Oregon (12.4 percent of the state's population) were native-born Americans who had at least one immigrant parent.

# Nearly 90,000 U.S. citizens in Oregon live with at least one family member who is undocumented

- 130,000 undocumented immigrants comprised 32 percent of the immigrant population and 3.2 percent of the total state population in 2014.
- During the same period, 1 in 12 children in the state was a U.S.-citizen child living with at least one undocumented family member (71,208 children in total).

# OREGON DACA FACTS

## More than 10,000 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients live in Oregon

- As of 2016, 82 percent of DACA-eligible immigrants in Oregon, or 12,049 people, had applied for DACA.
- An additional 6,000 residents of the state satisfied all but the educational requirements for DACA, and another 4,000 would be eligible as they grew older.<sup>14</sup>

# National Numbers about DACA

As of 9/4/2017 **800,000** DACA applications were approved.

- Nearly 40,000 DACA recipients have adjusted to lawful permanent status (green card).
- 70,000 DACA recipients failed to renew their application after 2 years in status.
- 690,000 active DACA recipients.

DACA in Oregon make up 1.5 %

**Portland, Hillsboro, Vancouver, WA  
make up almost 1%,  
about 6,200 recipients out of the  
10,000**

**Female DACA Total: 362,700 = 52%**

**Male DACA Total: 326,900 = 47.4 %**

**Average age: 23.8 years old**

**Largest group is between 21-25 = 36.7%**



# One in eight workers in Oregon is an immigrant

- 260,001 immigrant workers comprised 12.8 percent of the labor force in 2015.

# The largest shares of immigrant workers were in the following industries

| Industry   | Immigrant Share (%) (of all industry workers) |
|--|---|
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting   | 25.8  |
| Manufacturing<br>The largest shares of immigrant workers were in the following industries: <sup>16</sup> | 19.7  |
| Accommodation and Food Services  | 18.4  |
| Administrative & Support; Waste Management; and Remediation Services                                     | 17.6  |
| Management of Companies and Enterprises  | 16.3  |

Analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2015 American Community Survey 1-year PUMS data by the American Immigration Council.

# Immigrant workers were most numerous in the following industries:

| Industry                                 | Number of Immigrant Workers |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Manufacturing                            | 51,265                      |
| Accommodation and Food Services          | 36,540                      |
| Health Care and Social Assistance        | 35,260                      |
| Retail Trade                             | 23,826                      |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting | 22,039                      |

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# The largest shares of immigrant workers were in the following occupation groups:

| Occupation Category                         | Immigrant Share (%)<br>(of all workers in occupation) |
|---|---|
| Farming, Fishing, and Forestry              | 39.5  |
| Building and Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance | 25.2  |
| Production                                  | 22.7  |
| Computer and Mathematical Sciences          | 18.3  |
| Food Preparation and Serving Related        | 17.5  |

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# Immigrants in Oregon have contributed billions of dollars in taxes.

- Immigrant-led households in the state paid \$1.7 billion in federal taxes and \$736.6 million in state and local taxes in 2014.
- **Undocumented immigrants in Oregon paid \$80.8 million in state and local taxes in 2014.** Their contribution would rise to \$119.4 million if they could receive legal status.
- DACA recipients in Oregon paid an estimated \$20 million in state and local taxes in 2016.

# Oregon residents in immigrant-led households had \$7.4 billion in spending power (after-tax income) in 2014.

- 28,567 immigrant business owners accounted for 11.2 percent of all self-employed Oregon residents in 2015 and generated \$470.6 million in business income.
- In 2015, immigrants accounted for 23.2 percent of business owners in the Portland/Vancouver/Beaverton metropolitan area, which spans Oregon and Washington.

• New American Economy, *The Contributions of New Americans in Oregon*, 5.

• “Business owners” include people who are self-employed, at least 18 years old, and work at least 15 hours per week at their businesses. Analysis of 2015 ACS 1-year PUMS data by the American Immigration Council.

• American Immigration Council analysis of 2016 CPS data. Flood, King, Ruggles, and Warren, *IPUMS CPS* dataset.

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