

UNAUTHORIZED AND UNINSURED BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES SITES AND CALIFORNIA

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Why is this fact sheet important?

The California Endowment has selected 14 sites throughout the state under its Building Healthy Communities (BHC) initiative. While BHC is focused on the broad social determinants of health – including improved land use, access to healthy food, and youth development – one key challenge for many residents of the BHC communities is access to medical insurance. This is especially true for unauthorized immigrants who are explicitly excluded from the insurance exchanges and Medi-Cal insurance expansion of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). While insurance coverage is a key issue for unauthorized immigrants, there is also evidence that maintaining a large population of uninsured residents harms others in terms of both economic and community health – thus, it matters for all Californians.

How many unauthorized immigrants live here and how do they fare economically?

We estimate that, of the nearly one million people residing in BHC sites, unauthorized immigrants represent 13 percent of the population, almost double that of the state's total share. Furthermore, approximately 30 percent of all children residing in BHC sites have at least one unauthorized parent. In general, these communities have a higher share of people of color: while there is great diversity between sites, BHC sites collectively are majority-Latino and the share of white residents is half that of the state. BHC sites are also some of the poorest communities in the state – although the gap in poverty between unauthorized immigrants and U.S. citizens is smaller in the sites than in the state.

How is the unauthorized population in the BHC sites doing in terms of health insurance?

To profile the relative access to medical insurance of the unauthorized, we estimate the percentage of residents 25-64 years old with any type of insurance (for example, employer-sponsored, Medi-Cal, military) by nativity and legal status. This age range is chosen for comparison because it is conventional – specifically, those under 25 years of age are more likely to be covered by their parents and those older than 64 qualify for Medicare. Consistent with previous studies, unauthorized immigrants have very low medical insurance coverage: only around 38 percent of the working age population is covered in BHC sites – rates far below the native born (79 percent) and somewhat lower than the average rate for unauthorized adults in the state (42 percent). One of the most common types of medical insurance coverage is employer sponsored, but still, only 18 percent of the unauthorized in the 14 BHC sites have coverage through an employer, and only 24 percent do throughout the entire state.

What larger lessons and connections can be garnered from this profile?

Although there are unique demographic circumstances and economic challenges in the diverse BHC sites, the lack of medical insurance for unauthorized migrants is a consistent theme. Indeed, improving insurance coverage for all adults may be critical for the sites since the percentage of children who have at least one unauthorized parent is much higher than in the rest of the state. Given this, there may exist a broad advocacy opportunity around this issue in which the BHC sites may find common ground and play an important role. And it is not just the newly covered who might benefit: as some past research suggests, the benefits of a higher insurance coverage rate may extend beyond unauthorized parents and their children to all residents of a community.

BHC SITE	Total Population	White, Non-Latino	Latino (Any Race)	Asian, Non-Latino	Black, Non-Latino	Other, Non-Latino	Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	Children Residing with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent ³
Boyle Heights	87,892	8%	73%	14%	3%	1%	17%	39%
Central Santa Ana	85,752	9%	81%	8%	1%	1%	22%	46%
Central, Southeast and Southwest Fresno	98,754	20%	56%	13%	8%	3%	10%	20%
Central West Long Beach	86,657	15%	53%	14%	14%	4%	13%	34%
City Heights	84,563	29%	41%	14%	13%	3%	10%	27%
Del Norte County	24,513	78%	12%	2%	1%	8%	1%	3%
East Coachella Valley	34,207	27%	69%	1%	2%	1%	14%	35%
East Oakland	89,771	7%	46%	11%	32%	4%	17%	35%
East Salinas	48,983	15%	75%	8%	1%	1%	18%	40%
Richmond	47,439	14%	48%	13%	22%	2%	14%	36%
South Kern	70,151	47%	41%	6%	4%	3%	8%	19%
South Los Angeles	89,787	1%	70%	1%	26%	1%	19%	40%
South Sacramento	77,323	36%	28%	17%	11%	7%	6%	15%
Southwest and East Merced	60,911	33%	53%	8%	3%	3%	10%	23%
All BHC Sites	986,703	20%	55%	10%	11%	3%	13%	31%
California	37,042,462	40%	38%	13%	5%	4%	7%	19%

Adult (25-64) Population

BHC SITE	Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line) ¹		Has Medical Insurance Coverage		Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage		Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal) ²	
	U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)
Boyle Heights	51%	61%	71%	35%	38%	13%	13%	18%
Central Santa Ana	34%	47%	79%	33%	57%	21%	8%	10%
Central, Southeast, and Southwest Fresno	47%	70%	78%	38%	42%	13%	19%	23%
Central West Long Beach	46%	63%	79%	38%	51%	13%	12%	23%
City Heights	39%	62%	83%	31%	52%	13%	10%	13%
Del Norte County	31%	53%	83%	57%	46%	47%	12%	11%
East Coachella Valley	33%	60%	79%	36%	54%	16%	8%	16%
East Oakland	44%	55%	78%	46%	46%	22%	18%	21%
East Salinas	35%	55%	84%	39%	63%	24%	6%	10%
Richmond	34%	50%	82%	49%	55%	30%	14%	15%
South Kern	34%	61%	81%	49%	48%	29%	12%	16%
South Los Angeles	55%	66%	70%	28%	38%	12%	17%	15%
South Sacramento	33%	57%	83%	54%	55%	17%	11%	34%
Southwest and East Merced	37%	59%	82%	45%	48%	20%	14%	19%
All BHC Sites	41%	59%	79%	38%	48%	18%	13%	17%
California	23%	50%	85%	42%	59%	24%	6%	13%

Notes

¹ These are computed at the individual level using the ACS variable indicating the ratio of family income to the poverty line by family type.

² Employer and low-income insurance coverage do not add up to total coverage which also includes private purchased insurance, veteran coverage, etc.

³ The denominator for these computations is the number of children residing with at least one parent.

TOTAL POPULATION	37,042,462		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	9,276,283	
Nativity			Nativity		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	26,131,169	71%	U.S.-born	8,627,245	93%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	10,911,293	29%	Immigrant	649,038	7%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	5,199,944	14%	Unauthorized Immigrant	285,283	3%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	3,002,427	8%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	4,771,619	53%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	2,708,922	7%	of those children, share U.S.-born	4,190,753	88%
Female (for each nativity group)	18,753,818	51%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	1,667,469	19%
U.S.-born	13,146,589	50%	of those children, share U.S.-born	1,358,753	81%
Immigrant	5,607,229	51%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	3,017,252	34%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,794,272	54%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	1,255,346	25%
Authorized Immigrant	1,508,692	50%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	1,938,416	41%
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,304,265	48%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	564,575	24%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	688,121	43%
White, Non-Latino	14,708,473	40%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	1,017,573	62%
Latino (Any Race)	14,012,326	38%			
Asian, Non-Latino	4,934,104	13%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	2,708,922	7%
Black, Non-Latino	2,035,615	5%	Top Five Countries of Origin	2,370,569	88%
Other, Non-Latino	1,351,944	4%	Mexico	1,956,251	72%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	30,503,015	88%	El Salvador	149,009	6%
Immigrant	7,084,401	65%	Guatemala	118,487	4%
Naturalized Immigrant	4,107,292	79%	Jamaica	88,498	3%
Authorized Immigrant	1,798,834	60%	Korea	58,324	2%
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,178,275	44%	Female	1,304,265	48%
Homeownership	7,027,089	55%	Ethno-Racial Group		
U.S.-born	4,952,509	59%	Latino (Any Race)	2,288,304	84%
Immigrant	2,074,580	48%	Asian, Non-Latino	317,926	12%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,532,144	63%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	102,692	4%
Authorized Immigrant	407,455	37%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Unauthorized Immigrant	134,981	18%	Age	32 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	9,405,049	25%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
U.S.-born	6,048,970	23%	Years Residing in the USA	10 yrs.	
Immigrant	3,356,079	31%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	1,738,725	74%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,012,663	19%	Male Participation	1,125,575	65%
Authorized Immigrant	989,089	33%	of which, share employed	1,027,225	91%
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,354,327	50%	of employed, share full-time	860,674	84%
			Female Participation	613,150	35%
			of which, share employed	517,474	84%
			of employed, share full-time	342,607	66%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			Top 5 Industries	1,012,058	66%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage (Among 25-64 Year Olds)	15,262,144	77%	Food & Recreational Services	256,391	17%
U.S.-born	9,976,552	85%	Manufacturing	202,872	13%
Immigrant	5,285,592	66%	Business Services	201,843	13%
Naturalized Immigrant	3,081,845	81%	Construction	197,790	13%
Authorized Immigrant	1,353,620	61%	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	153,162	10%
Unauthorized Immigrant	850,127	42%	Top 5 Occupations	1,188,323	77%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	10,522,435	53%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	483,693	31%
U.S.-born	6,996,621	59%	Precision, Craft & Repair	226,111	15%
Immigrant	3,525,814	44%	Construction	191,637	12%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,152,819	56%	Transportation & Material Moving	145,032	9%
Authorized Immigrant	885,643	40%	Farming, Forestry & Fishing	141,850	9%
Unauthorized Immigrant	487,352	24%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$20,000	
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	1,543,702	8%	Male	\$20,800	
U.S.-born	764,098	6%	Female	\$18,000	
Immigrant	779,604	10%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$9,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	281,088	7%	Male	\$10,000	
Authorized Immigrant	229,934	10%	Female	\$8,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	268,582	13%			

Notes

¹ Virtually all U.S.-born respondents in the ACS either report speaking English very well or speak no other language but English at home.

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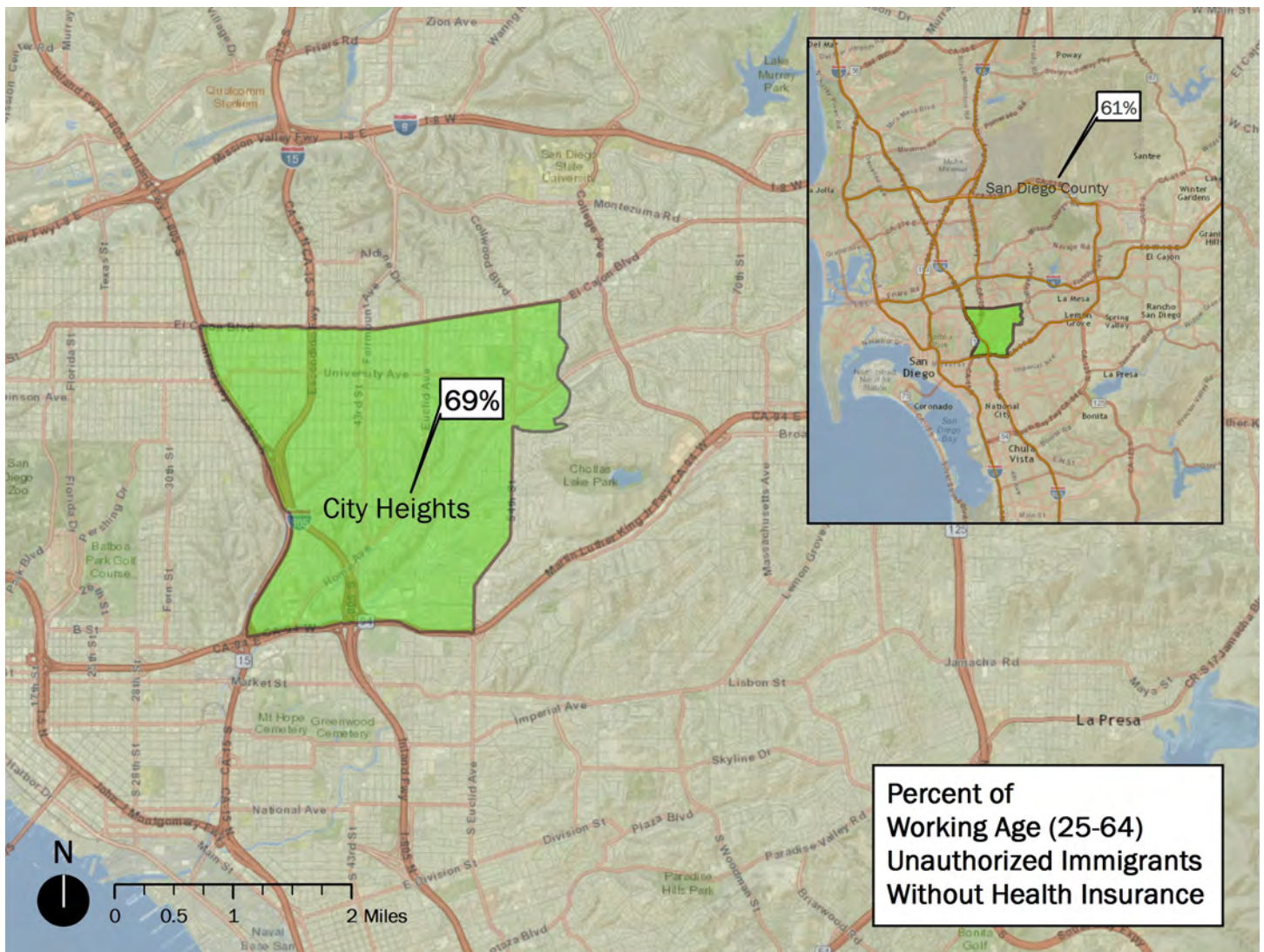
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How many unauthorized immigrants live here?

We estimate that unauthorized immigrants represent a larger part (10 percent) of City Heights' estimated 84,500 residents than they do among all residents of San Diego County (about six percent of approximately three million residents). Furthermore, an estimated one in four of all children (75 percent of whom are U.S. citizens) residing in City Heights have at least one unauthorized parent. At the same time, unauthorized immigrants are often deeply rooted in their communities – in City Heights, about half have resided just shy of a decade (nine years) in the USA.

How do the unauthorized fare economically and socially?

Although City Heights is one of the poorest neighborhoods in the county, the poverty rate for unauthorized immigrants is over 50 percent higher than that of the native born. Also, about one-half of the unauthorized five years of age or older do not speak English well, often limiting their social and economic status. For example, the unauthorized are often working and poor – those who work full-time but toil in low-wage industries and occupations with limited chances of economic mobility and limited access to employer-based health insurance.

How does this unauthorized population compare to the surrounding county?

The unauthorized are at a greater disadvantage in City Heights than in the larger county – but not in all cases. For example, while about three-in-four (78 percent) children with at least one unauthorized parent in City Heights live in poverty, three-in-five (58 percent) do throughout San Diego County. The composition of the unauthorized is different too: as one of the most diverse neighborhoods in the region, City Heights has a much higher share of unauthorized immigrants coming from, say, Vietnam.

What is the state of health insurance coverage among unauthorized immigrants in the community?

To profile the relative access to medical insurance of the unauthorized, we estimate the percentage of residents age 25-64 years old with any type of insurance (for example, employer-sponsored, Medi-Cal, military) by nativity and legal status. This age range is chosen for comparison because it is conventional – specifically, those under 25 years of age are more likely to be covered by their parents and those older than 64 qualify for Medicare. Consistent with previous studies, unauthorized immigrants have very low medical insurance coverage: only around 30 percent of this working age population is covered in City Heights – rates far below the native born (83 percent) and lower than the average rate for unauthorized adults in the county (39 percent). The most prevalent type of medical insurance coverage is employer sponsored, but still, only 13 percent of the unauthorized have coverage through employers, compared to over one-half of the native born and one-quarter of the unauthorized in the region.

TOTAL POPULATION	84,563		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	21,316	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	55,683	66%	U.S.-born	18,541	87%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	28,880	34%	Immigrant	2,775	13%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	11,809	14%	Unauthorized Immigrant	1,239	6%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	8,761	10%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	13,568	66%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	8,310	10%	of those children, share U.S.-born	11,010	81%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	42,521	50%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	5,540	27%
U.S.-born	27,597	50%	of those children, share U.S.-born	4,132	75%
Immigrant	14,924	52%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	11,616	57%
Naturalized Immigrant	6,019	51%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	3,869	44%
Authorized Immigrant	4,449	51%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	8,789	65%
Unauthorized Immigrant	4,456	54%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	2,734	51%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	2,936	60%
White, Non-Latino	24,377	29%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	4,314	78%
Latino (Any Race)	34,907	41%			
Asian, Non-Latino	11,780	14%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	8,310	10%
Black, Non-Latino	11,133	13%	Top Five Countries of Origin	7,427	89%
Other, Non-Latino	2,366	3%	Mexico	5,974	72%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	66,842	85%	Vietnam	747	9%
Immigrant	17,816	62%	Myanmar	300	4%
Naturalized Immigrant	8,656	74%	Guatemala	209	3%
Authorized Immigrant	5,117	59%	Honduras	197	2%
Unauthorized Immigrant	4,043	50%	Female	4,456	54%
Homeownership	10,589	34%	Ethno-Racial Group		
U.S.-born	7,400	38%	Latino (Any Race)	6,483	78%
Immigrant	3,189	28%	Asian, Non-Latino	1,373	17%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,429	43%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	454	5%
Authorized Immigrant	577	18%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Unauthorized Immigrant	183	7%	Age	31 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	35,856	43%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
U.S.-born	21,709	39%	Years Residing in the USA	9 yrs.	
Immigrant	14,147	49%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	4,280	63%
Naturalized Immigrant	4,196	36%	Male Participation	2,577	83%
Authorized Immigrant	4,814	55%	of which, share employed	2,494	97%
Unauthorized Immigrant	5,137	62%	of employed, share full-time	2,031	81%
			Female Participation	1,703	46%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			of which, share employed	1,457	86%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage (Among 25-64 Year Olds)	30,678	70%	of employed, share full-time	780	54%
U.S.-born	19,685	83%	Top 5 Industries	3,049	77%
Immigrant	10,993	55%	Food & Recreational Services	1,072	27%
Naturalized Immigrant	6,261	75%	Construction	805	20%
Authorized Immigrant	2,919	49%	Business Services	533	13%
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,813	31%	Manufacturing	332	8%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	18,446	42%	"Other" Services	307	8%
U.S.-born	12,267	52%	Top 5 Occupations	3,770	95%
Immigrant	6,179	31%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	2,078	53%
Naturalized Immigrant	4,109	49%	Construction	783	20%
Authorized Immigrant	1,306	22%	Precision, Craft & Repair	380	10%
Unauthorized Immigrant	764	13%	Transportation & Material Moving	275	7%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	5,322	12%	Sales	254	6%
U.S.-born	2,357	10%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$19,200	
Immigrant	2,965	15%	Male	\$20,400	
Naturalized Immigrant	1,113	13%	Female	\$15,000	
Authorized Immigrant	1,092	18%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$14,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	760	13%	Male	\$14,000	
			Female	\$12,800	

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TOTAL POPULATION	3,048,746		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	722,910	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	2,253,304	74%	U.S.-born	666,429	92%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	795,442	26%	Immigrant	56,481	8%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	394,389	13%	Unauthorized Immigrant	22,159	3%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	219,532	7%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	346,737	50%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	181,521	6%	of those children, share U.S.-born	297,583	86%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	1,539,571	50%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	114,955	16%
U.S.-born	1,112,903	49%	of those children, share U.S.-born	89,873	78%
Immigrant	426,668	54%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	205,985	30%
Naturalized Immigrant	214,602	54%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	90,843	21%
Authorized Immigrant	118,131	54%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	130,651	38%
Unauthorized Immigrant	93,935	52%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	38,681	22%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	45,287	42%
White, Non-Latino	1,452,950	48%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	66,374	58%
Latino (Any Race)	995,999	33%			
Asian, Non-Latino	343,561	11%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	181,521	6%
Black, Non-Latino	138,055	5%	Top Five Countries of Origin	158,789	87%
Other, Non-Latino	118,181	4%	Mexico	139,907	77%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	2,598,897	91%	Philippines	9,444	5%
Immigrant	564,653	72%	Vietnam	3,737	2%
Naturalized Immigrant	335,756	86%	Iraq	3,117	2%
Authorized Immigrant	141,310	65%	China	2,584	1%
Unauthorized Immigrant	87,587	49%	Female	93,935	52%
Homeownership	586,863	54%	Ethno-Racial Group		
U.S.-born	441,135	57%	Latino (Any Race)	146,601	81%
Immigrant	145,728	47%	Asian, Non-Latino	23,288	13%
Naturalized Immigrant	109,640	61%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	11,632	6%
Authorized Immigrant	27,718	35%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Unauthorized Immigrant	8,370	16%	Age	32 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	690,661	23%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
U.S.-born	459,753	20%	Years Residing in the USA	9 yrs.	
Immigrant	230,908	29%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	105,925	69%
Naturalized Immigrant	67,771	17%	Male Participation	66,617	89%
Authorized Immigrant	73,901	34%	of which, share employed	60,906	91%
Unauthorized Immigrant	89,236	49%	of employed, share full-time	51,237	84%
			Female Participation	39,308	50%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			of which, share employed	34,131	87%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage (Among 25-64 Year Olds)	1,305,196	79%	of employed, share full-time	21,621	63%
U.S.-born	925,333	86%	Top 5 Industries	64,419	68%
Immigrant	379,863	67%	Food & Recreational Services	20,660	22%
Naturalized Immigrant	229,996	83%	Business Services	14,433	15%
Authorized Immigrant	97,939	62%	Construction	11,585	12%
Unauthorized Immigrant	51,928	39%	Manufacturing	9,048	10%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	875,893	53%	Retail Trade	8,693	9%
U.S.-born	629,318	58%	Top 5 Occupations	72,712	77%
Immigrant	246,575	43%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	37,860	40%
Naturalized Immigrant	149,635	54%	Construction	11,436	12%
Authorized Immigrant	64,426	41%	Precision, Craft & Repair	9,921	10%
Unauthorized Immigrant	32,514	24%	Sales	7,726	8%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	80,507	5%	Administrative Support & Clerical	5,769	6%
U.S.-born	42,483	4%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$23,000	
Immigrant	38,024	7%	Male	\$24,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	15,053	5%	Female	\$20,000	
Authorized Immigrant	12,755	8%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$10,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	10,216	8%	Male	\$12,000	
			Female	\$8,000	

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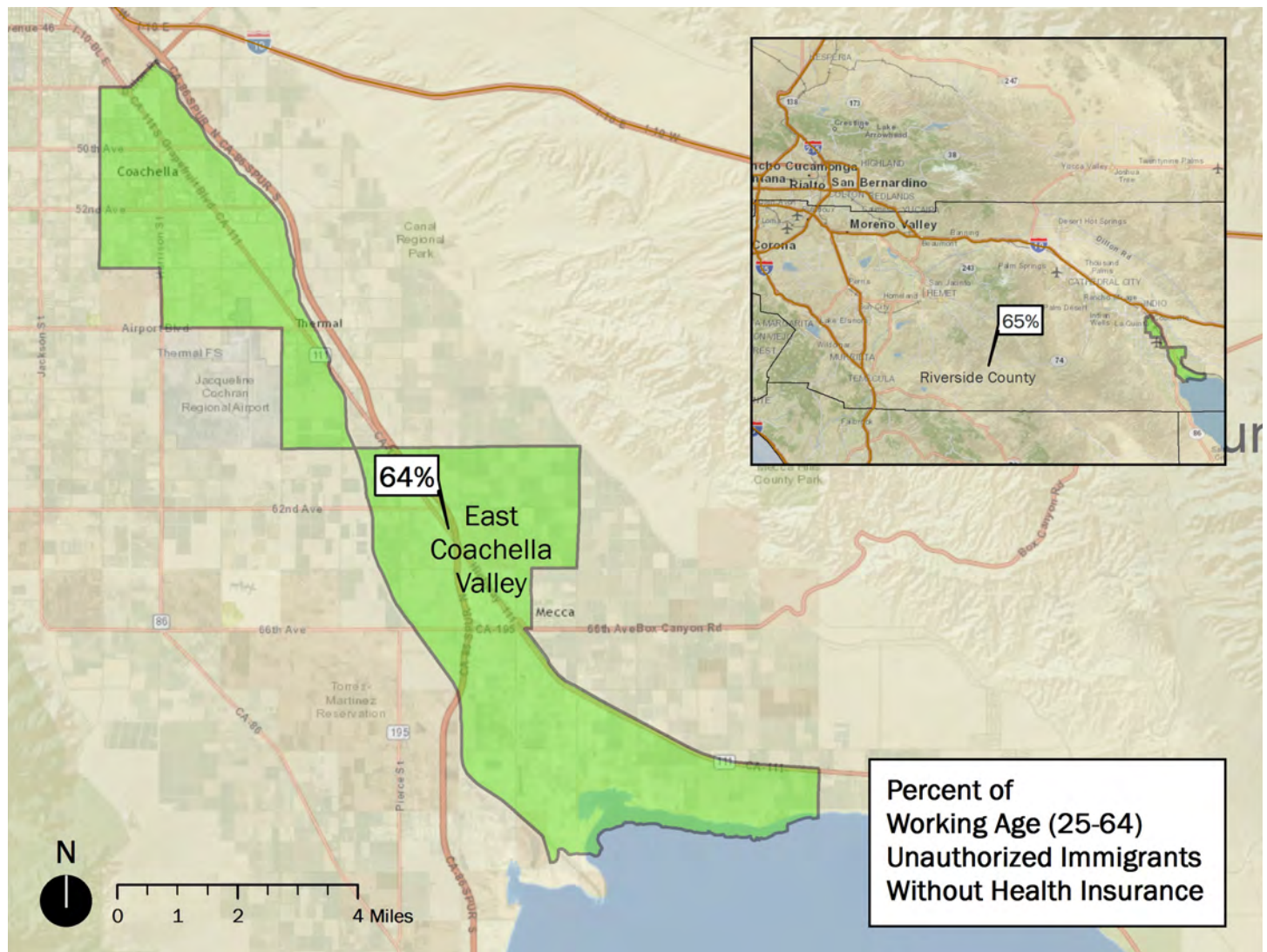
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UNAUTHORIZED AND UNINSURED EASTERN COACHELLA VALLEY AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY

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How many unauthorized immigrants live here?

We estimate that unauthorized immigrants represent a larger part (14 percent) of Eastern Coachella Valley's estimated 34,000 residents than they do among all residents of Riverside County (about seven percent of approximately two million residents). Furthermore, slightly more than one-third of all children (76 percent of whom are U.S. citizens) residing in Eastern Coachella Valley are estimated to have at least one unauthorized parent. At the same time, unauthorized immigrants are often deeply rooted in their communities – in Eastern Coachella Valley, about half have resided just shy of a decade (nine years) in the USA.

How do the unauthorized fare economically and socially?

Although Eastern Coachella Valley is one of the poorest areas in Riverside County, the poverty rate for unauthorized immigrants is almost double that of the native born. Also, about 70 percent of the unauthorized five years of age or older do not speak English well, often limiting their social and economic status. For example, the unauthorized are often working and poor – those who work full-time but toil in low-wage industries and occupations with limited chances of economic mobility and limited access to employer-based health insurance.

How does this unauthorized population compare to the surrounding county?

The labor force composition of the unauthorized is unique: as one of the most rural communities in the county, Eastern Coachella Valley has a much higher share of unauthorized immigrants working in the agriculture industry. This change in the character of labor has only a slight impact on wages, as earnings are low for the unauthorized across the county. Median wages are slightly lower in this community, and the median wage for full-time female unauthorized workers is almost \$3,000 less annually than the median wage for unauthorized full-time male unauthorized workers.

What is the state of health insurance coverage among unauthorized immigrants in the community?

To profile the relative access to medical insurance of the unauthorized, we estimate the percentage of residents age 25-64 years old with any type of insurance (for example, employer-sponsored, Medi-Cal, military) by nativity and legal status. This age range is chosen for comparison because it is conventional – specifically, those under 25 years of age are more likely to be covered by their parents and those older than 64 qualify for Medicare. Consistent with previous studies, unauthorized immigrants have very low medical insurance coverage: only around 36 percent of this working age population is covered in Eastern Coachella Valley – rates far below the native born (79 percent) but similar to the average rate for unauthorized adults in the county (35 percent). The most prevalent type of medical insurance coverage is employer sponsored, but still, only 16 percent of the unauthorized have coverage through employers, compared to over one-half of the native born and almost one-quarter of the unauthorized in the region.

TOTAL POPULATION	34,207		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	9,765	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	22,718	66%	U.S.-born	8,741	90%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	11,489	34%	Immigrant	1,024	10%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	3,542	10%	Unauthorized Immigrant	677	7%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	3,211	9%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	6,090	64%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	4,736	14%	of those children, share U.S.-born	5,113	84%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	17,197	50%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	3,306	35%
U.S.-born	11,084	49%	of those children, share U.S.-born	2,497	76%
Immigrant	6,113	53%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	4,893	52%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,992	56%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	1,560	35%
Authorized Immigrant	1,575	49%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	3,591	60%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,546	54%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	949	49%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	1,045	63%
White, Non-Latino	9,229	27%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	2,119	64%
Latino (Any Race)	23,534	69%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	4,736	14%
Asian, Non-Latino	452	1%	Top Five Countries of Origin	4,729	100%
Black, Non-Latino	544	2%	Mexico	4,486	95%
Other, Non-Latino	448	1%	Korea	97	2%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	24,625	78%	El Salvador	70	1%
Immigrant	4,801	42%	Nicaragua	49	1%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,492	72%	Japan	27	1%
Authorized Immigrant	914	28%	Female	2,546	54%
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,395	30%	Ethno-Racial Group		
Homeownership	6,915	67%	Latino (Any Race)	4,605	97%
U.S.-born	4,335	69%	Asian, Non-Latino	131	3%
Immigrant	2,580	65%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	-	0%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,276	75%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Authorized Immigrant	882	69%	Age	32 yrs.	
Unauthorized Immigrant	422	41%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	13,121	39%	Years Residing in the USA	9 yrs.	
U.S.-born	7,436	33%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	2,911	75%
Immigrant	5,685	49%	Male Participation	1,513	90%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,168	33%	of which, share employed	1,358	90%
Authorized Immigrant	1,696	53%	of employed, share full-time	993	73%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,821	60%	Female Participation	1,398	63%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			of which, share employed	958	69%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage (Among 25-64 Year Olds)	10,506	64%	of employed, share full-time	771	80%
U.S.-born	6,760	79%	Top 5 Industries	2,153	93%
Immigrant	3,746	47%	Food & Recreational Services	778	34%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,573	65%	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	532	23%
Authorized Immigrant	1,044	45%	Construction	362	16%
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,129	36%	Business Services	253	11%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	6,651	40%	Retail Trade	228	10%
U.S.-born	4,581	54%	Top 5 Occupations	2,059	89%
Immigrant	2,070	26%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	925	40%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,062	44%	Farming, Forestry & Fishing	465	20%
Authorized Immigrant	511	22%	Construction	406	18%
Unauthorized Immigrant	497	16%	Precision, Craft & Repair	134	6%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	1,552	9%	Technicians & Related Support	129	6%
U.S.-born	656	8%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$18,700	
Immigrant	896	11%	Male	\$20,800	
Naturalized Immigrant	186	8%	Female	\$17,100	
Authorized Immigrant	192	8%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$9,800	
Unauthorized Immigrant	518	16%	Male	\$10,000	
			Female	\$9,800	

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TOTAL POPULATION	2,185,816		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	618,467	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	1,662,521	76%	U.S.-born	586,935	95%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	523,295	24%	Immigrant	31,532	5%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	228,851	10%	Unauthorized Immigrant	14,697	2%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	148,735	7%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	294,452	49%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	145,709	7%	of those children, share U.S.-born	266,158	90%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	1,106,259	51%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	107,483	18%
U.S.-born	837,687	50%	of those children, share U.S.-born	90,426	84%
Immigrant	268,572	51%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	208,378	35%
Naturalized Immigrant	122,024	53%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	96,968	26%
Authorized Immigrant	74,517	50%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	124,967	43%
Unauthorized Immigrant	72,031	49%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	42,144	29%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	44,400	44%
White, Non-Latino	856,901	39%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	62,586	59%
Latino (Any Race)	1,001,791	46%			
Asian, Non-Latino	129,690	6%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	145,709	7%
Black, Non-Latino	124,745	6%	Top Five Countries of Origin	139,479	96%
Other, Non-Latino	72,689	3%	Mexico	125,090	86%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	1,830,296	90%	El Salvador	5,564	4%
Immigrant	342,995	66%	Guatemala	4,285	3%
Naturalized Immigrant	188,339	83%	Philippines	3,328	2%
Authorized Immigrant	90,168	61%	Vietnam	1,212	1%
Unauthorized Immigrant	64,488	45%	Female	72,031	49%
Homeownership	460,366	67%	Ethno-Racial Group		
U.S.-born	332,005	68%	Latino (Any Race)	136,148	93%
Immigrant	128,361	64%	Asian, Non-Latino	7,145	5%
Naturalized Immigrant	81,636	76%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	2,416	2%
Authorized Immigrant	32,374	59%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Unauthorized Immigrant	14,351	37%	Age	32 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	578,454	27%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
U.S.-born	406,844	25%	Years Residing in the USA	11 yrs.	
Immigrant	171,610	33%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	90,355	71%
Naturalized Immigrant	47,389	21%	Male Participation	59,447	92%
Authorized Immigrant	50,778	34%	of which, share employed	52,292	88%
Unauthorized Immigrant	73,443	50%	of employed, share full-time	42,285	81%
			Female Participation	30,908	50%
			of which, share employed	25,024	81%
			of employed, share full-time	16,260	65%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			Top 5 Industries	54,665	71%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage (Among 25-64 Year Olds)	796,026	73%	Food & Recreational Services	13,846	18%
U.S.-born	565,871	82%	Construction	12,787	17%
Immigrant	230,155	59%	Business Services	11,291	15%
Naturalized Immigrant	130,835	76%	Manufacturing	9,011	12%
Authorized Immigrant	61,143	56%	Retail Trade	7,730	10%
Unauthorized Immigrant	38,177	35%	Top 5 Occupations	61,911	80%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	550,455	51%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	25,613	33%
U.S.-born	393,989	57%	Construction	11,998	16%
Immigrant	156,466	40%	Precision, Craft & Repair	11,387	15%
Naturalized Immigrant	92,294	53%	Transportation & Material Moving	7,658	10%
Authorized Immigrant	40,381	37%	Farming, Forestry & Fishing	5,255	7%
Unauthorized Immigrant	23,791	22%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$20,000	
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	78,966	7%	Male	\$20,800	
U.S.-born	48,754	7%	Female	\$20,000	
Immigrant	30,212	8%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$10,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	10,559	6%	Male	\$10,000	
Authorized Immigrant	9,592	9%	Female	\$9,500	
Unauthorized Immigrant	10,061	9%			

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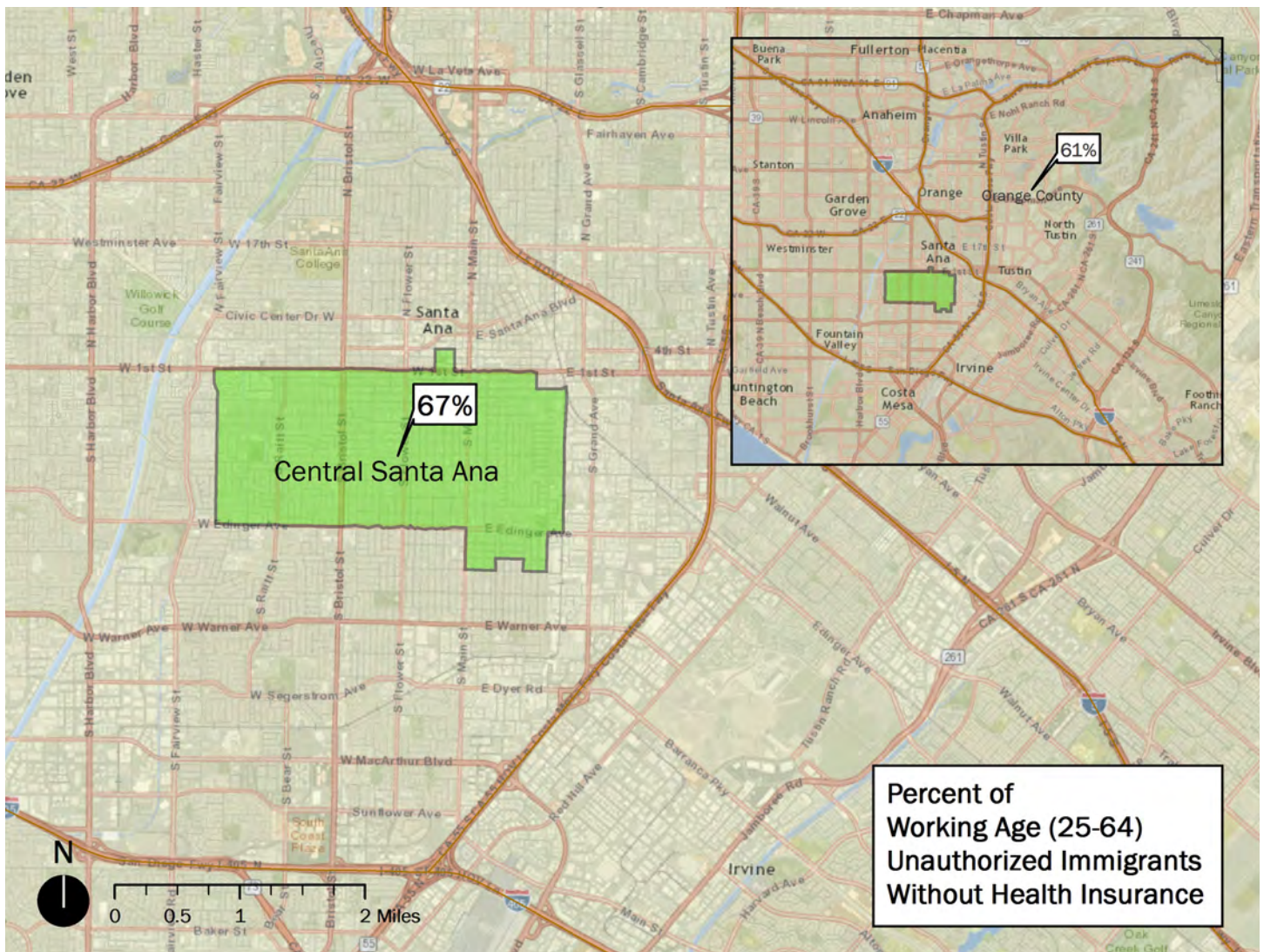
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How many unauthorized immigrants live here?

We estimate that unauthorized immigrants represent a much larger part (22 percent) of Central Santa Ana's estimated 86,000 residents than they do among all residents of Orange County (about eight percent of approximately three million residents). Furthermore, an estimated one-half of all children (80 percent of whom are U.S. citizens) residing in Central Santa Ana have at least one unauthorized parent. At the same time, unauthorized immigrants are often deeply rooted in their communities – in Central Santa Ana about half are estimated to have resided in the USA for a decade.

How do the unauthorized fare economically and socially?

Central Santa Ana is one of the poorest neighborhoods in the county, and the poverty rate for unauthorized immigrants is almost 50 percent. Also, almost 60 percent of the unauthorized five years of age or older do not speak English well, often limiting their social and economic status. For example, the unauthorized are often working and poor – those who work full-time but toil in low-wage industries and occupations with limited chances of economic mobility and limited access to employer-based health insurance.

How does this unauthorized population compare to the surrounding county?

Where unauthorized immigrants in Central Santa Ana were born differs from that of the unauthorized residing throughout the county. Specifically, Central Santa Ana has a much higher share of unauthorized immigrants from Latin America compared to Orange County, which has significant Korean and Vietnamese populations. This difference may sometimes be a source of division among immigrants, but if harnessed, as some evidence has shown, collaboration between groups of diverse backgrounds can prove beneficial for a region and its communities.

What is the state of health insurance coverage among unauthorized immigrants in the community?

To profile the relative access to medical insurance of the unauthorized, we estimate the percentage of residents 25-64 years old with any type of insurance (for example, employer-sponsored, Medi-Cal, military) by nativity and legal status. This age range is chosen for comparison because it is conventional – specifically, those under 25 years of age are more likely to be covered by their parents and those older than 64 qualify for Medicare. Consistent with previous studies, unauthorized immigrants have very low medical insurance coverage: only around 33 percent of this working age population is covered in Central Santa Ana – rates far below the native born (79 percent) and similar to the average rate for unauthorized adults in the county (39 percent). The most prevalent type of medical insurance coverage is employer sponsored, but still, only 21 percent of the unauthorized have coverage through employers, compared to 57 percent of the native born and around one-quarter of the unauthorized in the region.

TOTAL POPULATION	85,752		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	26,907	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	43,093	50%	U.S.-born	23,261	86%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	42,659	50%	Immigrant	3,646	14%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	11,640	14%	Unauthorized Immigrant	2,584	10%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	12,277	14%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	22,888	89%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	18,742	22%	of those children, share U.S.-born	19,645	86%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	41,774	49%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	11,909	46%
U.S.-born	21,201	49%	of those children, share U.S.-born	9,506	80%
Immigrant	20,573	48%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	11,608	47%
Naturalized Immigrant	6,422	55%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	1,385	30%
Authorized Immigrant	5,442	44%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	11,080	50%
Unauthorized Immigrant	8,709	46%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	1,831	27%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	3,835	45%
White, Non-Latino	7,468	9%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	7,163	63%
Latino (Any Race)	69,778	81%			
Asian, Non-Latino	7,049	8%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	18,742	22%
Black, Non-Latino	730	1%	Top Five Countries of Origin	18,526	99%
Other, Non-Latino	727	1%	Mexico	16,807	90%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	55,515	71%	El Salvador	599	3%
Immigrant	21,333	50%	Guatemala	534	3%
Naturalized Immigrant	7,792	67%	Vietnam	399	2%
Authorized Immigrant	5,662	46%	Ecuador	187	1%
Unauthorized Immigrant	7,879	42%	Female	8,709	46%
Homeownership	8,348	45%	Ethno-Racial Group		
U.S.-born	3,605	54%	Latino (Any Race)	18,184	97%
Immigrant	4,743	39%	Asian, Non-Latino	541	3%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,928	63%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	17	0%
Authorized Immigrant	1,147	34%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Unauthorized Immigrant	668	16%	Age	30 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	30,369	36%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
U.S.-born	14,470	34%	Years Residing in the USA	10 yrs.	
Immigrant	15,899	37%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	12,164	77%
Naturalized Immigrant	3,068	26%	Male Participation	8,128	95%
Authorized Immigrant	3,994	33%	of which, share employed	7,762	95%
Unauthorized Immigrant	8,837	47%	of employed, share full-time	6,587	85%
			Female Participation	4,036	57%
			of which, share employed	3,590	89%
			of employed, share full-time	2,291	64%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			Top 5 Industries	8,958	79%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage (Among 25-64 Year Olds)	24,090	57%	Business Services	2,355	21%
U.S.-born	8,540	79%	Food & Recreational Services	2,175	19%
Immigrant	15,550	49%	Manufacturing	1,886	17%
Naturalized Immigrant	6,545	73%	Construction	1,598	14%
Authorized Immigrant	4,626	50%	"Other" Services	944	8%
Unauthorized Immigrant	4,379	33%	Top 5 Occupations	9,990	88%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	17,406	41%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	4,397	39%
U.S.-born	6,103	57%	Precision, Craft & Repair	2,231	20%
Immigrant	11,303	36%	Construction	1,504	13%
Naturalized Immigrant	4,954	55%	Transportation & Material Moving	1,119	10%
Authorized Immigrant	3,553	39%	Sales	739	7%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,796	21%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$19,400	
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	3,655	9%	Male	\$20,000	
U.S.-born	872	8%	Female	\$19,000	
Immigrant	2,783	9%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$10,900	
Naturalized Immigrant	630	7%	Male	\$12,000	
Authorized Immigrant	809	9%	Female	\$10,600	
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,344	10%			

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TOTAL POPULATION			CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)		
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	2,035,477	67%	U.S.-born	677,140	92%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	992,855	33%	Immigrant	60,465	8%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	497,958	16%	Unauthorized Immigrant	26,519	4%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	251,304	8%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent ⁴	420,401	59%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	243,593	8%	of those children, share U.S.-born	365,408	87%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	1,529,093	50%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent ⁴	143,809	20%
U.S.-born	1,018,113	50%	of those children, share U.S.-born	115,650	80%
Immigrant	510,980	51%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line) ⁴	182,267	26%
Naturalized Immigrant	264,828	53%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	45,982	13%
Authorized Immigrant	126,216	50%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	145,562	35%
Unauthorized Immigrant	119,936	49%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	38,705	18%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	49,231	37%
White, Non-Latino	1,311,627	43%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	80,628	57%
Latino (Any Race)	1,033,416	34%			
Asian, Non-Latino	552,586	18%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION		
Black, Non-Latino	43,792	1%	Top Five Countries of Origin	220,848	91%
Other, Non-Latino	86,911	3%	Mexico	184,961	76%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old) ¹	2,493,626	88%	Korea	11,682	5%
Immigrant	665,105	67%	Vietnam	10,694	4%
Naturalized Immigrant	398,269	80%	El Salvador	7,254	3%
Authorized Immigrant	155,491	62%	Philippines	6,257	3%
Unauthorized Immigrant	111,345	46%	Female	119,936	49%
Homeownership	591,214	59%	Ethno-Racial Group		
U.S.-born	406,826	64%	Latino (Any Race)	201,784	83%
Immigrant	184,388	50%	Asian, Non-Latino	34,598	14%
Naturalized Immigrant	144,621	65%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	7,211	3%
Authorized Immigrant	30,948	36%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Unauthorized Immigrant	8,819	15%	Age	32 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line) ²	599,019	20%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
U.S.-born	331,927	16%	Years Residing in the USA	10 yrs.	
Immigrant	267,092	27%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	158,774	75%
Naturalized Immigrant	84,226	17%	Male Participation	99,373	92%
Authorized Immigrant	72,473	29%	of which, share employed	92,597	93%
Unauthorized Immigrant	110,393	45%	of employed, share full-time	78,054	84%
			Female Participation	59,401	58%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			of which, share employed	51,329	86%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage (Among 25-64 Year Olds)	1,283,804	78%	of employed, share full-time	33,614	65%
U.S.-born	793,409	88%	Top 5 Industries	107,476	75%
Immigrant	490,395	66%	Food & Recreational Services	27,497	19%
Naturalized Immigrant	308,139	83%	Manufacturing	24,393	17%
Authorized Immigrant	110,750	60%	Business Services	23,635	16%
Unauthorized Immigrant	71,506	39%	Construction	17,917	12%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	947,885	58%	"Other" Services	14,034	10%
U.S.-born	603,984	67%	Top 5 Occupations	118,976	83%
Immigrant	343,901	46%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	52,868	37%
Naturalized Immigrant	218,176	59%	Precision, Craft & Repair	25,516	18%
Authorized Immigrant	77,913	42%	Construction	17,238	12%
Unauthorized Immigrant	47,812	26%	Transportation & Material Moving	12,128	8%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance			Sales	11,226	8%
(e.g., Medi-Cal) ³	81,375	5%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$20,000	
U.S.-born	28,341	3%	Male	\$22,000	
Immigrant	53,034	7%	Female	\$18,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	24,008	6%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$9,000	
Authorized Immigrant	13,346	7%	Male	\$11,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	15,680	9%	Female	\$7,200	

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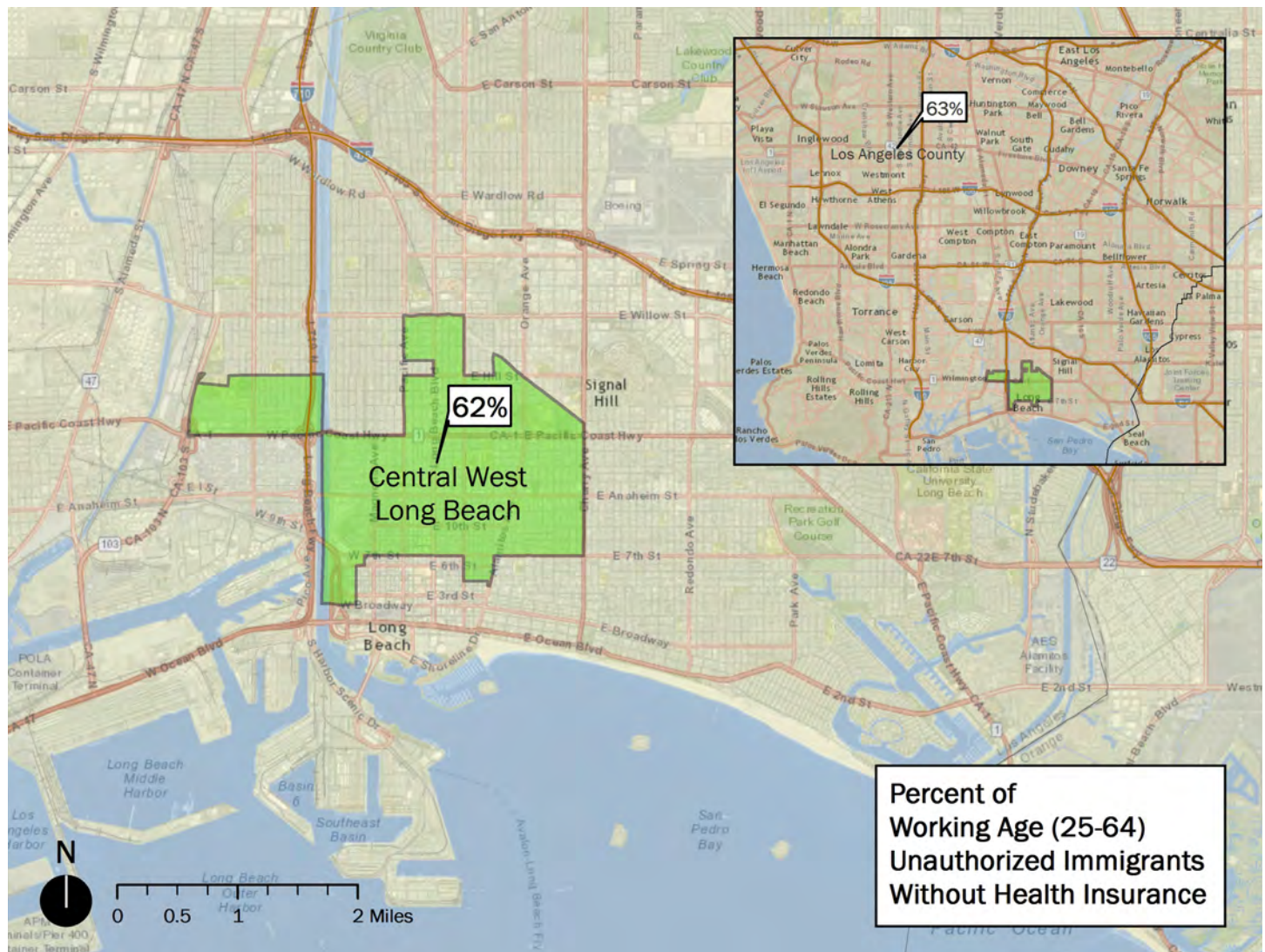
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Why is this fact sheet important?

Central West Long Beach is one of 14 sites supported by The California Endowment under its Building Healthy Communities (BHC) initiative. While BHC is focused on the broad social determinants of health – including improved land use, access to healthy food, and youth development – one key challenge for many residents of the BHC communities is access to medical insurance. This is especially true for unauthorized immigrants who are explicitly excluded from the insurance exchanges and Medi-Cal insurance expansion of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). While insurance coverage is a key issue for unauthorized immigrants, there is also evidence that maintaining a large population of uninsured residents harms others in terms of both economic and community health – thus, it matters for all Californians.

How many unauthorized immigrants live here?

We estimate that unauthorized immigrants represent a larger part (13 percent) of Central West Long Beach's estimated 87,000 residents than they do among all residents of Los Angeles County (about nine percent of approximately 9.8 million residents). Furthermore, an estimated one-third of all children (83 percent of whom are U.S. citizens) residing in Central West Long Beach have at least one unauthorized parent. At the same time, unauthorized immigrants are often deeply rooted in their communities – in Central West Long Beach, about half are estimated to have resided more than a decade (11 years) in the USA.

How do the unauthorized fare economically and socially?

Although Central West Long Beach is already one of the poorest neighborhoods in the county, the poverty rate for unauthorized immigrants in this site is almost 20 percentage points higher than that of the native born. Also, about 60 percent of the unauthorized five years of age or older do not speak English well, often limiting their social and economic status. For example, the unauthorized are among the working and poor – those who work full-time but toil in low-wage industries and occupations with limited chances of economic mobility and limited access to employer-based health insurance.

How does this unauthorized population compare to the surrounding county?

One reason that poverty among unauthorized immigrants may be much higher and concentrated in Central West Long Beach is that a higher share work in the food and recreational services industry compared to those residing throughout the county. Often, this industry provides relatively low wages and offers fewer benefits. Additionally, full-time unauthorized female workers earn very low wages in Central West Long Beach and thus contribute less to household income.

What is the state of health insurance coverage among unauthorized immigrants in the community?

To profile the relative access to medical insurance of the unauthorized, we estimate the percentage of residents age 25-64 years old with any type of insurance (for example, employer-sponsored, Medi-Cal, military) by nativity and legal status. This age range is chosen for comparison because it is conventional – specifically, those under 25 years of age are more likely to be covered by their parents and those older than 64 qualify for Medicare. Consistent with previous studies, unauthorized immigrants have very low medical insurance coverage: only around 38 percent of this working age population is covered in Central West Long Beach – rates far below the native born (79 percent) but similar to the average rate for unauthorized adults in the county (37 percent). The most prevalent type of medical insurance coverage is employer sponsored, but still, only 13 percent of the unauthorized have coverage through employers, compared to over one-half of the native born and almost one-fifth of the unauthorized in the region.

TOTAL POPULATION		86,657	CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)		24,182
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	55,702	64%	U.S.-born	22,199	92%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	30,955	36%	Immigrant	1,983	8%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	9,543	11%	Unauthorized Immigrant	1,273	5%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	9,931	11%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	16,055	69%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	11,481	13%	of those children, share U.S.-born	14,184	88%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	42,608	49%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	7,829	34%
U.S.-born	27,253	49%	of those children, share U.S.-born	6,529	83%
Immigrant	15,355	50%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	14,925	65%
Naturalized Immigrant	5,439	57%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	5,424	60%
Authorized Immigrant	4,814	48%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	10,476	66%
Unauthorized Immigrant	5,102	44%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	2,143	48%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	3,621	60%
White, Non-Latino	12,833	15%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	6,167	79%
Latino (Any Race)	45,906	53%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION		11,481 13%
Asian, Non-Latino	12,174	14%	Top Five Countries of Origin		11,008 96%
Black, Non-Latino	11,871	14%	Mexico	9,371	82%
Other, Non-Latino	3,873	4%	Honduras	658	6%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	64,898	82%	Guatemala	451	4%
Immigrant	16,868	55%	El Salvador	276	2%
Naturalized Immigrant	6,716	71%	Philippines	252	2%
Authorized Immigrant	5,460	55%	Female	5,102	44%
Unauthorized Immigrant	4,692	41%	Ethno-Racial Group		
Homeownership	6,648	22%	Latino (Any Race)	10,768	94%
U.S.-born	3,843	22%	Asian, Non-Latino	516	4%
Immigrant	2,805	22%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	197	2%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,800	36%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Authorized Immigrant	826	20%	Age	32 yrs.	
Unauthorized Immigrant	179	5%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	40,907	47%	Years Residing in the USA	11 yrs.	
U.S.-born	25,730	46%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	7,518	76%
Immigrant	15,177	49%	Male Participation	5,262	95%
Naturalized Immigrant	3,506	37%	of which, share employed	4,646	88%
Authorized Immigrant	4,462	45%	of employed, share full-time	3,763	81%
Unauthorized Immigrant	7,209	63%	Female Participation	2,256	52%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			of which, share employed	1,680	74%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage (Among 25-64 Year Olds)		30,755 67%	of employed, share full-time	870	52%
U.S.-born	18,305	79%	Top 5 Industries	4,521	71%
Immigrant	12,450	54%	Food & Recreational Services	1,623	26%
Naturalized Immigrant	4,993	73%	Manufacturing	864	14%
Authorized Immigrant	4,279	54%	Business Services	748	12%
Unauthorized Immigrant	3,178	38%	Construction	686	11%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	18,106	39%	"Other" Services	600	9%
U.S.-born	11,706	51%	Top 5 Occupations	5,548	88%
Immigrant	6,400	28%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	2,242	35%
Naturalized Immigrant	3,103	45%	Precision, Craft & Repair	1,218	19%
Authorized Immigrant	2,228	28%	Transportation & Material Moving	951	15%
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,069	13%	Construction	708	11%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	7,019	15%	Sales	429	7%
U.S.-born	2,784	12%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$18,000	
Immigrant	4,235	18%	Male	\$19,200	
Naturalized Immigrant	962	14%	Female	\$12,000	
Authorized Immigrant	1,378	18%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$8,400	
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,895	23%	Male	\$10,000	
			Female	\$8,000	

Notes

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TOTAL POPULATION	9,841,410		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	2,402,066	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	6,132,236	62%	U.S.-born	2,221,225	92%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	3,709,174	38%	Immigrant	180,841	8%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	1,739,145	18%	Unauthorized Immigrant	81,841	3%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	1,061,982	11%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	1,489,878	65%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	908,047	9%	of those children, share U.S.-born	1,326,028	89%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	4,998,328	51%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	520,146	23%
U.S.-born	3,081,238	50%	of those children, share U.S.-born	434,670	84%
Immigrant	1,917,090	52%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	890,480	39%
Naturalized Immigrant	946,984	54%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	276,332	26%
Authorized Immigrant	533,812	50%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	662,819	45%
Unauthorized Immigrant	436,294	48%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	186,945	27%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	251,223	48%
White, Non-Latino	2,693,069	27%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	337,774	65%
Latino (Any Race)	4,722,373	48%			
Asian, Non-Latino	1,362,801	14%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	908,047	9%
Black, Non-Latino	780,936	8%	Top Five Countries of Origin	799,285	88%
Other, Non-Latino	282,231	3%	Mexico	576,703	64%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	3,844,356	72%	El Salvador	88,196	10%
Immigrant	1,977,604	58%	Guatemala	77,585	9%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,105,457	72%	Philippines	28,711	3%
Authorized Immigrant	512,560	52%	Korea	28,090	3%
Unauthorized Immigrant	359,587	41%	Female	436,294	48%
Homeownership	1,536,436	47%	Ethno-Racial Group		
U.S.-born	875,637	49%	Latino (Any Race)	772,570	85%
Immigrant	618,197	41%	Asian, Non-Latino	101,405	11%
Naturalized Immigrant	469,805	56%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	34,072	4%
Authorized Immigrant	116,085	29%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Unauthorized Immigrant	32,307	12%	Age	33 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	2,832,656	29%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
U.S.-born	1,596,222	26%	Years Residing in the USA	10 yrs.	
Immigrant	1,236,434	33%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	594,777	74%
Naturalized Immigrant	379,340	22%	Male Participation	384,279	91%
Authorized Immigrant	384,709	36%	of which, share employed	354,433	92%
Unauthorized Immigrant	472,385	52%	of employed, share full-time	275,452	78%
			Female Participation	210,498	55%
			of which, share employed	178,654	85%
			of employed, share full-time	105,290	59%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			Top 5 Industries	366,190	69%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage (Among 25-64 Year Olds)	3,787,959	71%	Manufacturing	91,900	17%
U.S.-born	2,132,283	82%	Food & Recreational Services	84,547	16%
Immigrant	1,655,676	60%	Construction	73,476	14%
Naturalized Immigrant	976,450	76%	Business Services	61,995	12%
Authorized Immigrant	423,731	53%	"Other" Services	54,272	10%
Unauthorized Immigrant	255,495	37%	Top 5 Occupations	438,153	82%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	2,560,195	48%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	162,606	31%
U.S.-born	1,513,311	58%	Precision, Craft & Repair	103,641	19%
Immigrant	1,046,884	38%	Construction	71,123	13%
Naturalized Immigrant	657,729	51%	Transportation & Material Moving	56,126	11%
Authorized Immigrant	256,835	32%	Sales	44,657	8%
Unauthorized Immigrant	132,320	19%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$18,000	
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	442,837	8%	Male	\$19,050	
U.S.-born	162,373	6%	Female	\$17,000	
Immigrant	280,464	10%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$8,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	102,719	8%	Male	\$9,800	
Authorized Immigrant	85,164	11%	Female	\$7,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	92,581	13%			

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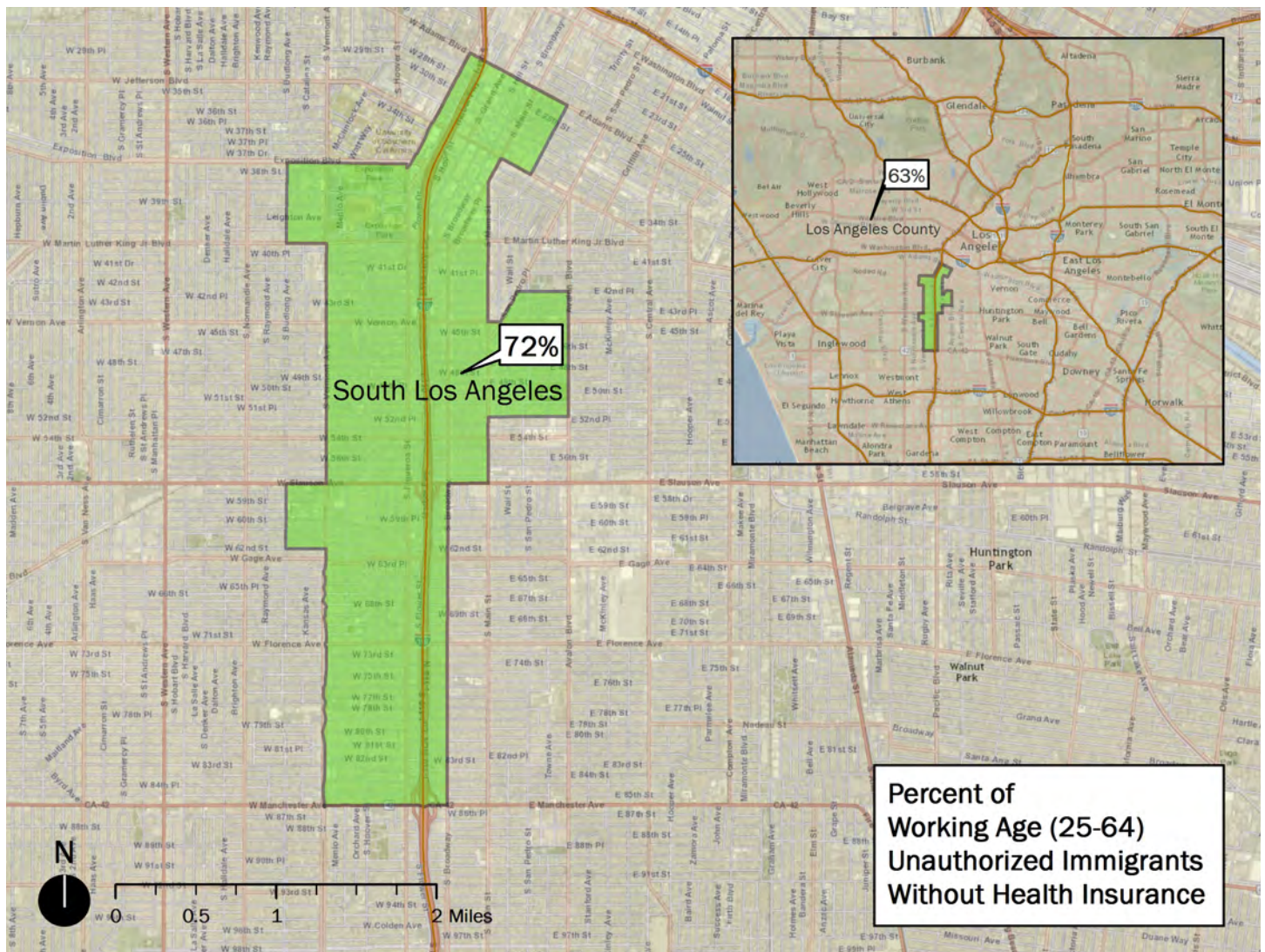
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How many unauthorized immigrants live here?

We estimate that unauthorized immigrants represent a larger part (19 percent) of the South Los Angeles BHC site's estimated 90,000 residents than they do among all residents of Los Angeles County (about nine percent of approximately 9.8 million residents). Furthermore, an estimated 40 percent of all children (89 percent of whom are U.S. citizens) residing in the South Los Angeles BHC site have at least one unauthorized parent. At the same time, unauthorized immigrants are often deeply rooted in their communities - in the South Los Angeles BHC site, about half have resided more than a decade (11 years) in the USA.

How do the unauthorized fare economically and socially?

The South Los Angeles BHC site is one of the poorest neighborhoods in the county, with a poverty rate for unauthorized immigrants of 66 percent. Also, 70 percent of the unauthorized five years of age or older do not speak English well, often limiting their social and economic status. For example, the unauthorized are often working and poor - those who work full-time but toil in low-wage industries and occupations with limited chances of economic mobility and limited access to employer-based health insurance.

How does this unauthorized population compare to the surrounding county?

The unauthorized are at a greater disadvantage in the South Los Angeles BHC site than in the larger county. This, however, is true for most of the population in the community, primarily a Black and Latino neighborhood that is emblematic of a neighborhood in transition. Given a community with scarce resources and generations of structural disadvantage, it is particularly difficult for the unauthorized to obtain social and economic mobility.

What is the state of health insurance coverage among unauthorized immigrants in the community?

To profile the relative access to medical insurance of the unauthorized, we estimate the percentage of residents 25-64 years old with any type of insurance (for example, employer-sponsored, Medi-Cal, military) by nativity and legal status. This age range is chosen for comparison because it is conventional - specifically, those under 25 years of age are more likely to be covered by their parents and those older than 64 qualify for Medicare. Consistent with previous studies, unauthorized immigrants have very low medical insurance coverage: only around 28 percent of this working age population is covered in the South Los Angeles BHC site - rates far below the native-born (70 percent) and lower than the average rate for unauthorized adults in the county (37 percent). The most prevalent type of medical insurance coverage is employer sponsored, but still, only 12 percent of the unauthorized have coverage through employers, compared to almost 40 percent of the native born and one-fifth of the unauthorized in the region.

TOTAL POPULATION	89,787		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	27,380	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	52,356	58%	U.S.-born	25,615	94%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	37,431	42%	Immigrant	1,765	6%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	8,185	9%	Unauthorized Immigrant	1,355	5%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	12,083	13%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	19,583	75%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	17,163	19%	of those children, share U.S.-born	17,935	92%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	45,210	50%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	10,521	40%
U.S.-born	28,020	54%	of those children, share U.S.-born	9,318	89%
Immigrant	17,190	46%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	18,372	71%
Naturalized Immigrant	4,238	52%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	4,803	63%
Authorized Immigrant	5,089	42%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	14,212	73%
Unauthorized Immigrant	7,863	46%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	2,680	55%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	4,855	67%
White, Non-Latino	829	1%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	8,644	82%
Latino (Any Race)	62,806	70%			
Asian, Non-Latino	1,103	1%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	17,163	19%
Black, Non-Latino	23,720	26%	Top Five Countries of Origin	16,883	98%
Other, Non-Latino	1,329	1%	Mexico	10,513	61%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	59,481	72%	El Salvador	3,643	21%
Immigrant	15,425	41%	Guatemala	2,354	14%
Naturalized Immigrant	5,111	63%	Honduras	296	2%
Authorized Immigrant	4,765	40%	Nicaragua	77	0%
Unauthorized Immigrant	5,549	32%	Female	7,863	46%
Homeownership	8,911	36%	Ethno-Racial Group		
U.S.-born	4,530	39%	Latino (Any Race)	16,889	98%
Immigrant	4,381	33%	Asian, Non-Latino	164	1%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,401	58%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	110	1%
Authorized Immigrant	1,502	35%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Unauthorized Immigrant	478	10%	Age	32 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	49,064	55%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
U.S.-born	28,468	55%	Years Residing in the USA	11 yrs.	
Immigrant	20,596	55%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	11,447	74%
Naturalized Immigrant	3,169	39%	Male Participation	7,881	93%
Authorized Immigrant	6,174	51%	of which, share employed	7,073	90%
Unauthorized Immigrant	11,253	66%	of employed, share full-time	5,996	85%
			Female Participation	3,566	51%
			of which, share employed	3,122	88%
			of employed, share full-time	2,150	69%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			Top 5 Industries	7,315	72%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage (Among 25-64 Year Olds)	22,313	49%	Manufacturing	2,489	24%
U.S.-born	10,813	70%	Construction	1,481	15%
Immigrant	11,500	38%	Retail Trade	1,235	12%
Naturalized Immigrant	4,380	67%	"Other" Services	1,147	11%
Authorized Immigrant	3,275	33%	Food & Recreational Services	963	9%
Unauthorized Immigrant	3,845	28%	Top 5 Occupations	9,117	89%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	12,135	27%	Precision, Craft & Repair	2,974	29%
U.S.-born	5,938	38%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	2,140	21%
Immigrant	6,197	21%	Construction	1,587	16%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,944	45%	Transportation & Material Moving	1,265	12%
Authorized Immigrant	1,677	17%	Sales	1,151	11%
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,576	12%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$15,000	
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	6,633	15%	Male	\$15,000	
U.S.-born	2,627	17%	Female	\$15,000	
Immigrant	4,006	13%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$8,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	844	13%	Male	\$12,000	
Authorized Immigrant	1,149	12%	Female	\$7,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,013	15%			

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TOTAL POPULATION	9,841,410		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	2,402,066	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	6,132,236	62%	U.S.-born	2,221,225	92%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	3,709,174	38%	Immigrant	180,841	8%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	1,739,145	18%	Unauthorized Immigrant	81,841	3%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	1,061,982	11%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	1,489,878	65%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	908,047	9%	of those children, share U.S.-born	1,326,028	89%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	4,998,328	51%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	520,146	23%
U.S.-born	3,081,238	50%	of those children, share U.S.-born	434,670	84%
Immigrant	1,917,090	52%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	890,480	39%
Naturalized Immigrant	946,984	54%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	276,332	26%
Authorized Immigrant	533,812	50%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	662,819	45%
Unauthorized Immigrant	436,294	48%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	186,945	27%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	251,223	48%
White, Non-Latino	2,693,069	27%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	337,774	65%
Latino (Any Race)	4,722,373	48%			
Asian, Non-Latino	1,362,801	14%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	908,047	9%
Black, Non-Latino	780,936	8%	Top Five Countries of Origin	799,285	88%
Other, Non-Latino	282,231	3%	Mexico	576,703	64%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	3,844,356	72%	El Salvador	88,196	10%
Immigrant	1,977,604	58%	Guatemala	77,585	9%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,105,457	72%	Philippines	28,711	3%
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Authorized Immigrant	116,085	29%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
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Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	2,832,656	29%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
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INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			Top 5 Industries	366,190	69%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage (Among 25-64 Year Olds)	3,787,959	71%	Manufacturing	91,900	17%
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Naturalized Immigrant	657,729	51%	Transportation & Material Moving	56,126	11%
Authorized Immigrant	256,835	32%	Sales	44,657	8%
Unauthorized Immigrant	132,320	19%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$18,000	
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	442,837	8%	Male	\$19,050	
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Immigrant	280,464	10%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$8,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	102,719	8%	Male	\$9,800	
Authorized Immigrant	85,164	11%	Female	\$7,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	92,581	13%			

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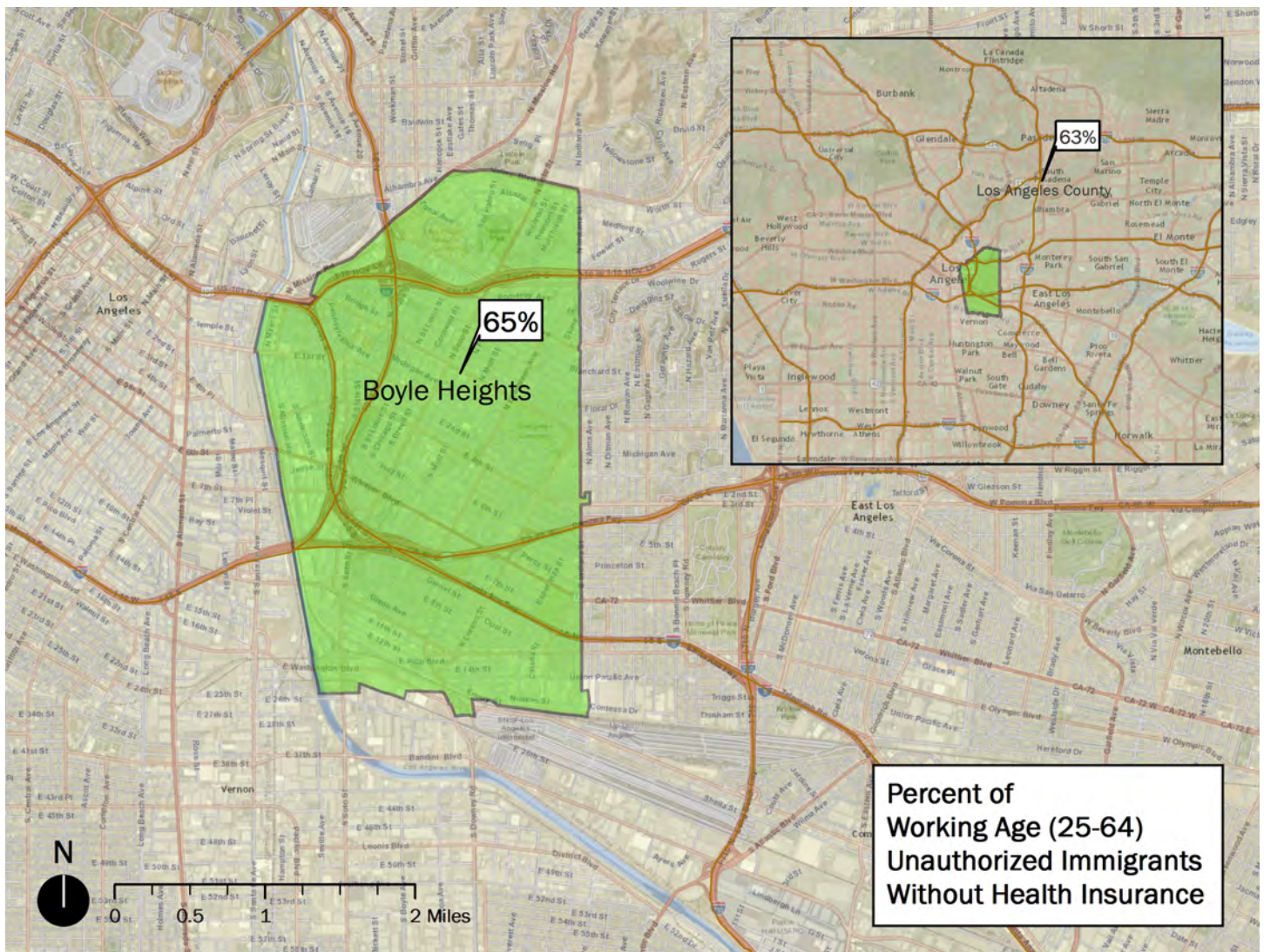
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How many unauthorized immigrants live here?

We estimate that unauthorized immigrants represent a larger part (17 percent) of Boyle Heights' estimated 88,000 residents than they do among all residents of Los Angeles County (about nine percent of approximately 9.8 million residents). Furthermore, almost 40 percent of all children residing in Boyle Heights (81 percent of whom are U.S. citizens) are estimated to have at least one unauthorized parent. At the same time, unauthorized immigrants are often deeply rooted in their communities – in Boyle Heights, about half have resided more than a decade (11 years) in the USA.

How do the unauthorized fare economically and socially?

Boyle Heights is one of the poorest neighborhoods in the county, and the poverty rate among unauthorized immigrants is 61 percent – a figure that is higher than that of the native born (51 percent). Also, almost one-half of the unauthorized five years of age or older do not speak English well, often limiting their social and economic status. For example, the unauthorized are often working and poor – those who work full-time but toil in low-wage industries and occupations with limited chances of economic mobility and limited access to employer-based health insurance.

How does this unauthorized population compare to the surrounding county?

The unauthorized are more disadvantaged economically and socially in Boyle Heights than in all of Los Angeles County. For example, obtaining assets or wealth is a larger problem for many residents of Boyle Heights. Only six percent of unauthorized Boyle Heights householders own their home, compared to 12 percent in the county. Furthermore, both immigrants and U.S.-born residents have very low homeownership rates in Boyle Heights. This is suggestive of an inequality in wealth accumulation not only between this BHC site and the county in which it is located, but also among most residents within Boyle Heights itself.

What is the state of health insurance coverage among unauthorized immigrants in the community?

To profile the relative access to medical insurance of the unauthorized, we estimate the percentage of residents 25-64 years old with any type of insurance (for example, employer-sponsored, Medi-Cal, military) by nativity and legal status. This age range is chosen for comparison because it is conventional – specifically, those under 25 years of age are more likely to be covered by their parents and those older than 64 qualify for Medicare. Consistent with previous studies, unauthorized immigrants have very low medical insurance coverage: only around 35 percent of this working age population is covered in Boyle Heights – rates far below the native born (71 percent) and lower than the average rate for unauthorized adults in the county (37 percent). The most prevalent type of medical insurance coverage is employer sponsored, but still, only 13 percent of the unauthorized have coverage through employers, compared to almost one-half of the native-born and one-fifth of the unauthorized in the region.

TOTAL POPULATION	87,892		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	21,811	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	43,989	50%	U.S.-born	19,327	89%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	43,903	50%	Immigrant	2,484	11%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	15,804	18%	Unauthorized Immigrant	1,537	7%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	13,029	15%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	17,668	84%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	15,070	17%	of those children, share U.S.-born	15,331	87%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	44,132	50%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	8,217	39%
U.S.-born	21,700	49%	of those children, share U.S.-born	6,688	81%
Immigrant	22,432	51%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	13,925	67%
Naturalized Immigrant	8,722	55%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	2,456	53%
Authorized Immigrant	6,552	50%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	12,257	70%
Unauthorized Immigrant	7,158	47%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	2,791	52%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	4,631	69%
White, Non-Latino	7,273	8%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	6,471	79%
Latino (Any Race)	64,339	73%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	15,070	17%
Asian, Non-Latino	12,211	14%	Top Five Countries of Origin	14,242	95%
Black, Non-Latino	2,927	3%	Mexico	12,217	81%
Other, Non-Latino	1,142	1%	El Salvador	700	5%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	55,521	68%	China	582	4%
Immigrant	18,671	43%	Guatemala	481	3%
Naturalized Immigrant	7,486	48%	Korea	262	2%
Authorized Immigrant	6,110	47%	Female	7,158	47%
Unauthorized Immigrant	5,075	34%	Ethno-Racial Group		
Homeownership	5,665	18%	Latino (Any Race)	13,759	91%
U.S.-born	2,268	20%	Asian, Non-Latino	1,232	8%
Immigrant	3,397	17%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	79	1%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,372	26%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Authorized Immigrant	734	12%	Age	33 yrs.	
Unauthorized Immigrant	291	6%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	46,155	53%	Years Residing in the USA	11 yrs.	
U.S.-born	22,380	51%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	9,426	73%
Immigrant	23,775	54%	Male Participation	6,440	93%
Naturalized Immigrant	7,251	46%	of which, share employed	6,033	94%
Authorized Immigrant	7,283	56%	of employed, share full-time	4,726	78%
Unauthorized Immigrant	9,241	61%	Female Participation	2,986	50%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			of which, share employed	2,363	79%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage (Among 25-64 Year Olds)	25,520	55%	of employed, share full-time	1,523	64%
U.S.-born	11,142	71%	Top 5 Industries	5,677	68%
Immigrant	14,378	47%	Manufacturing	1,871	22%
Naturalized Immigrant	6,416	64%	Food & Recreational Services	1,156	14%
Authorized Immigrant	3,954	43%	Retail Trade	1,085	13%
Unauthorized Immigrant	4,008	35%	Construction	805	10%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	12,448	27%	"Other" Services	760	9%
U.S.-born	5,949	38%	Top 5 Occupations	7,239	86%
Immigrant	6,499	21%	Precision, Craft & Repair	2,160	26%
Naturalized Immigrant	3,353	34%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	2,038	24%
Authorized Immigrant	1,656	18%	Transportation & Material Moving	1,219	15%
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,490	13%	Sales	1,013	12%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	6,807	15%	Construction	809	10%
U.S.-born	1,988	13%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$18,000	
Immigrant	4,819	16%	Male	\$18,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	1,621	16%	Female	\$16,500	
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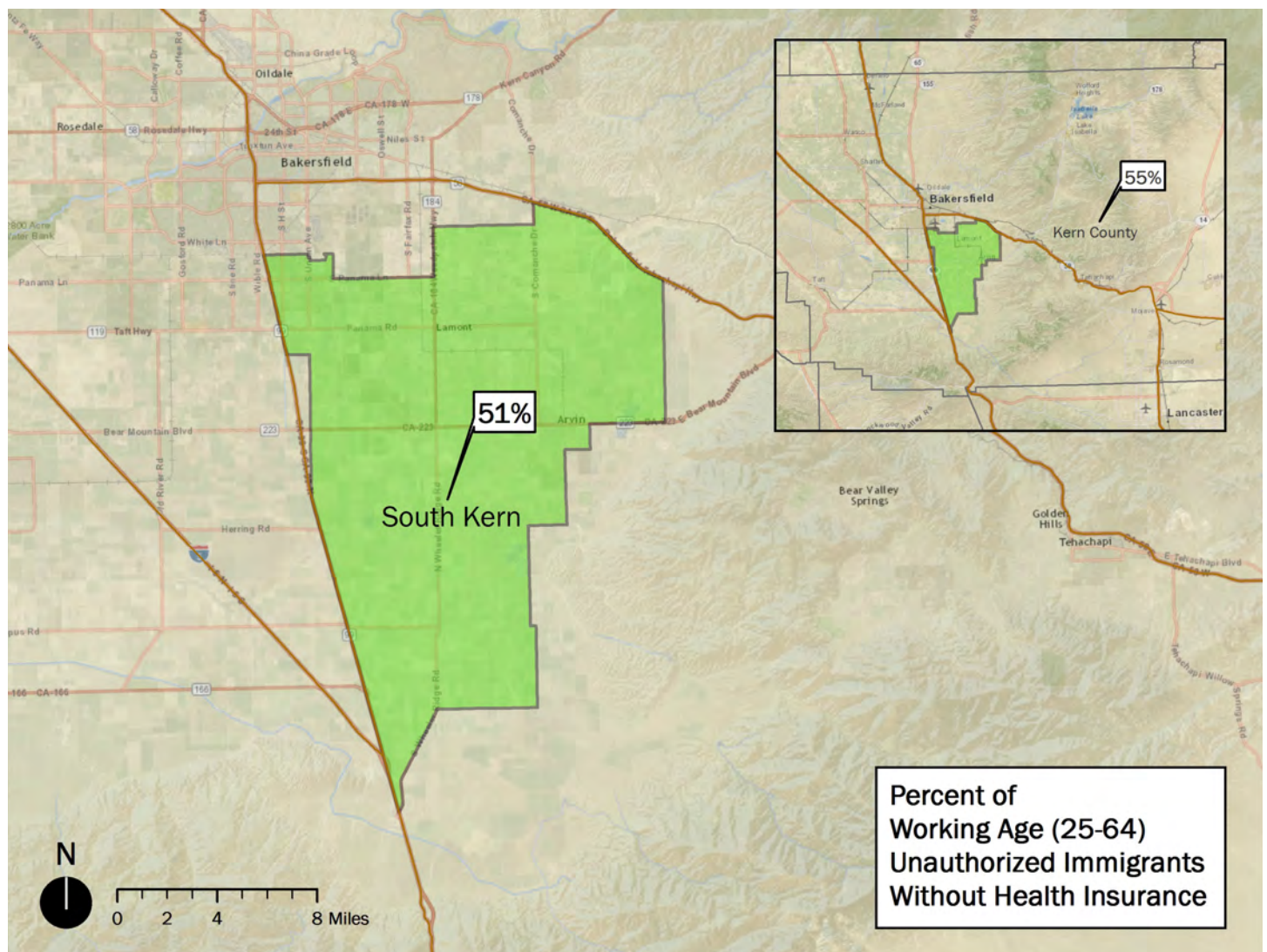
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How many unauthorized immigrants live here?

We estimate that unauthorized immigrants represent 8 percent of South Kern's estimated 70,000 residents, similar to the rest of the county. Furthermore, an estimated one-fifth of all children (83 percent of whom are U.S. citizens) residing in South Kern have at least one unauthorized parent. At the same time, unauthorized immigrants are often deeply rooted in their communities – in South Kern, about half have resided more than a decade (11 years) in the USA.

How do the unauthorized fare economically and socially?

South Kern is one of the poorer communities in the county, and the poverty rate for unauthorized immigrants is almost double than that of the native born. Also, a little more than one-half of the unauthorized who are at least five years old do not speak English well, often limiting their social and economic status. For example, the unauthorized are often working and poor – those who work full-time but toil in low-wage industries and occupations with limited chances of economic mobility and limited access to employer-based health insurance.

How does this unauthorized population compare to the surrounding county?

The unauthorized populations share many similarities in both South Kern and Kern County, including comparable homeownership and poverty rates. However, South Kern is distinguished by a comparatively larger presence of non-Hispanic Whites (47% vs 38%) and a lower share of Latinos (41% vs 50%). Among the undocumented, though the site has a higher female participation rate in the labor force, the gender wage gap is higher than at the county level. Interestingly, the rates of medical insurance coverage among unauthorized are marginally higher in South Kern, even though the median annual income is lower compared to unauthorized workers in Kern County.

What is the state of health insurance coverage among unauthorized immigrants in the community?

To profile the relative access to medical insurance of the unauthorized, we estimate the percentage of residents age 25-64 years old with any type of insurance (for example, employer-sponsored, Medi-Cal, military) by nativity and legal status. This age range is chosen for comparison because it is conventional – specifically, those under 25 years of age are more likely to be covered by their parents and those older than 64 qualify for Medicare. Consistent with previous studies, unauthorized immigrants have very low medical insurance coverage: only around 49 percent of this working age population is covered in South Kern – rates far below the native born (81 percent) yet higher than the average rate for unauthorized adults in the county (45 percent). The most prevalent type of medical insurance coverage is employer sponsored, but still, only 29 percent of the unauthorized have coverage through employers, compared to 23 percent of the unauthorized in the county.

TOTAL POPULATION	70,151		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	21,209	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	54,746	78%	U.S.-born	19,970	94%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	15,405	22%	Immigrant	1,239	6%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	5,088	7%	Unauthorized Immigrant	617	3%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	4,411	6%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	9,233	45%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	5,906	8%	of those children, share U.S.-born	8,144	88%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	36,071	51%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	3,938	19%
U.S.-born	28,505	52%	of those children, share U.S.-born	3,258	83%
Immigrant	7,566	49%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	9,757	48%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,758	54%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	4,897	39%
Authorized Immigrant	1,830	41%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	5,349	58%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,978	50%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	1,700	44%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	1,690	52%
White, Non-Latino	32,893	47%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	2,850	72%
Latino (Any Race)	28,544	41%			
Asian, Non-Latino	3,888	6%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	5,906	8%
Black, Non-Latino	2,543	4%	Top Five Countries of Origin	5,706	97%
Other, Non-Latino	2,283	3%	Mexico	4,848	82%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	57,644	89%	India	313	5%
Immigrant	8,532	56%	El Salvador	247	4%
Naturalized Immigrant	3,794	76%	Philippines	162	3%
Authorized Immigrant	1,987	45%	Honduras	136	2%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,751	47%	Female	2,978	50%
Homeownership	13,710	61%	Ethno-Racial Group		
U.S.-born	10,139	62%	Latino (Any Race)	5,301	90%
Immigrant	3,571	57%	Asian, Non-Latino	605	10%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,019	78%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	-	0%
Authorized Immigrant	1,009	52%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Unauthorized Immigrant	543	32%	Age	32 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	25,850	37%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
U.S.-born	18,568	34%	Years Residing in the USA	11 yrs.	
Immigrant	7,282	47%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	4,185	80%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,441	28%	Male Participation	2,504	91%
Authorized Immigrant	2,215	50%	of which, share employed	2,257	90%
Unauthorized Immigrant	3,626	61%	of employed, share full-time	2,147	95%
			Female Participation	1,681	67%
			of which, share employed	1,232	73%
			of employed, share full-time	906	74%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			Top 5 Industries	2,664	76%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	25,431	74%	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	1,110	32%
U.S.-born	18,679	81%	Retail Trade	503	14%
Immigrant	6,752	60%	Food & Recreational Services	500	14%
Naturalized Immigrant	3,008	80%	Business Services	321	9%
Authorized Immigrant	1,633	51%	Wholesale Trade	230	7%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,111	49%	Top 5 Occupations	2,988	86%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	15,106	44%	Farming, Forestry & Fishing	1,131	32%
U.S.-born	10,995	48%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	819	23%
Immigrant	4,111	36%	Precision, Craft & Repair	444	13%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,053	54%	Sales	307	9%
Authorized Immigrant	783	25%	Transportation & Material Moving	287	8%
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,275	29%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$15,000	
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	4,189	12%	Male	\$17,000	
U.S.-born	2,800	12%	Female	\$12,000	
Immigrant	1,389	12%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$6,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	206	5%	Male	\$15,000	
Authorized Immigrant	490	15%	Female	\$6,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	693	16%			

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TOTAL POPULATION	814,550		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	253,458	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	633,762	78%	U.S.-born	240,337	95%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	180,788	22%	Immigrant	13,121	5%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	59,662	7%	Unauthorized Immigrant	6,949	3%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	54,627	7%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	113,545	47%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	66,499	8%	of those children, share U.S.-born	101,777	90%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	408,017	50%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	50,626	21%
U.S.-born	320,227	51%	of those children, share U.S.-born	42,916	85%
Immigrant	87,790	49%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	111,578	46%
Naturalized Immigrant	30,843	52%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	56,055	37%
Authorized Immigrant	26,090	48%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	62,364	55%
Unauthorized Immigrant	30,857	46%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	15,527	36%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	22,535	55%
White, Non-Latino	311,505	38%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	35,018	69%
Latino (Any Race)	406,567	50%			
Asian, Non-Latino	33,982	4%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	66,499	8%
Black, Non-Latino	38,561	5%	Top Five Countries of Origin	64,236	97%
Other, Non-Latino	23,935	3%	Mexico	57,173	86%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	650,112	88%	El Salvador	2,776	4%
Immigrant	94,807	53%	Philippines	2,161	3%
Naturalized Immigrant	46,211	78%	India	1,194	2%
Authorized Immigrant	24,513	45%	Guatemala	932	1%
Unauthorized Immigrant	24,083	36%	Female	30,857	46%
Homeownership	151,400	59%	Ethno-Racial Group		
U.S.-born	112,929	60%	Latino (Any Race)	61,930	93%
Immigrant	38,471	55%	Asian, Non-Latino	4,028	6%
Naturalized Immigrant	21,449	75%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	541	1%
Authorized Immigrant	11,644	53%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Unauthorized Immigrant	5,378	28%	Age	32 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	290,000	36%	Age First Arrived in Country	20 yrs.	
U.S.-born	209,809	33%	Years Residing in the USA	11 yrs.	
Immigrant	80,191	44%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	42,527	74%
Naturalized Immigrant	15,256	26%	Male Participation	28,450	90%
Authorized Immigrant	23,961	44%	of which, share employed	25,348	89%
Unauthorized Immigrant	40,974	62%	of employed, share full-time	23,052	91%
			Female Participation	14,077	54%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			of which, share employed	10,678	76%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	293,367	74%	of employed, share full-time	8,031	75%
U.S.-born	217,303	82%	Top 5 Industries	26,925	75%
Immigrant	76,064	57%	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	15,747	44%
Naturalized Immigrant	33,763	74%	Food & Recreational Services	3,644	10%
Authorized Immigrant	20,535	51%	Retail Trade	3,101	9%
Unauthorized Immigrant	21,766	45%	Business Services	2,234	6%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	184,726	46%	Construction	2,199	6%
U.S.-born	140,285	53%	Top 5 Occupations	31,062	86%
Immigrant	44,441	33%	Farming, Forestry & Fishing	14,619	41%
Naturalized Immigrant	22,109	49%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	7,066	20%
Authorized Immigrant	11,203	28%	Precision, Craft & Repair	3,512	10%
Unauthorized Immigrant	11,129	23%	Transportation & Material Moving	3,466	10%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	49,069	12%	Construction	2,399	7%
U.S.-born	30,354	12%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$17,000	
Immigrant	18,715	14%	Male	\$18,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	4,280	9%	Female	\$13,000	
Authorized Immigrant	5,716	14%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$8,200	
Unauthorized Immigrant	8,719	18%	Male	\$9,000	
			Female	\$7,200	

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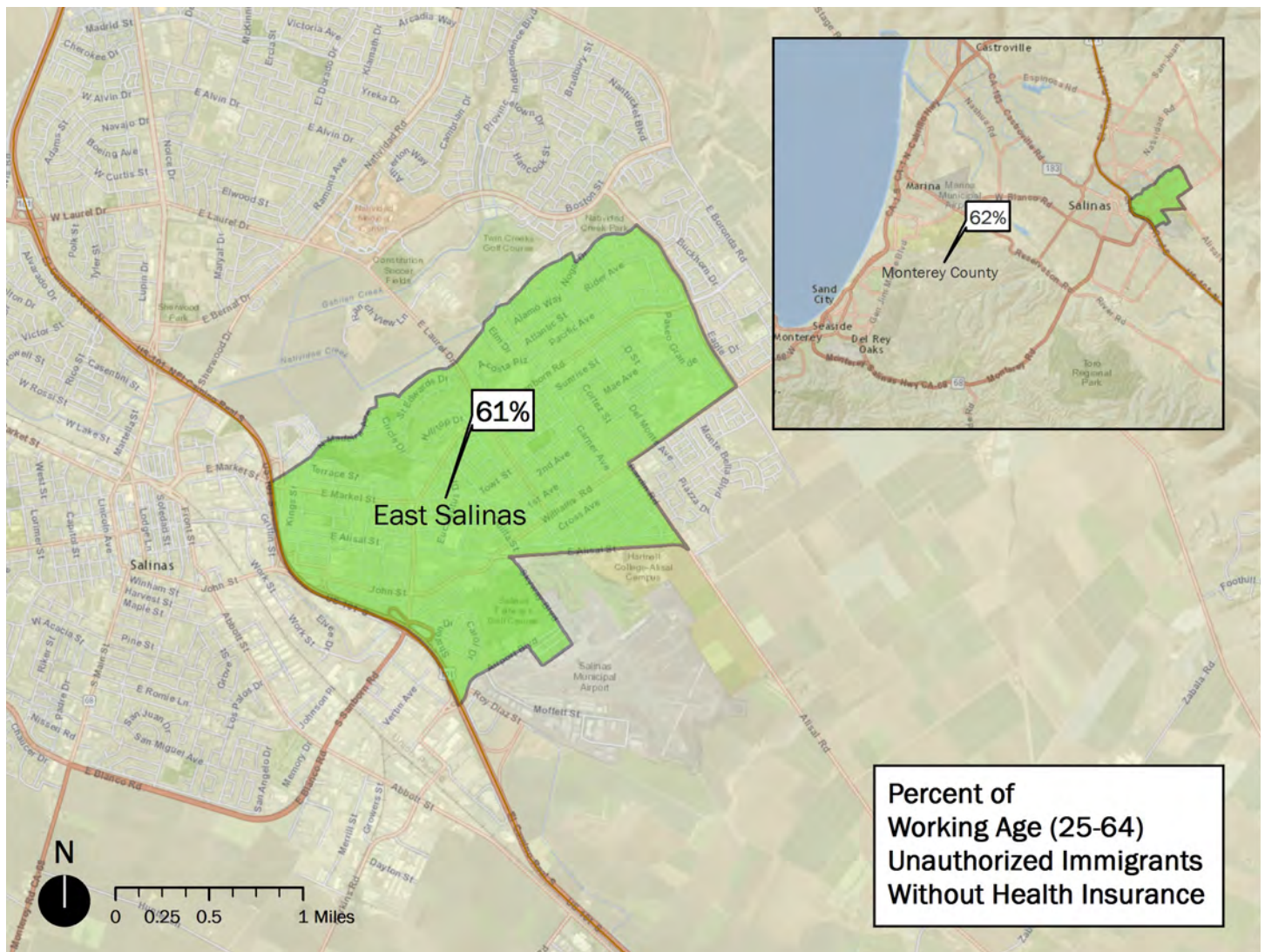
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How many unauthorized immigrants live here?

We estimate that unauthorized immigrants represent a larger part (18 percent) of East Salinas' estimated 49,000 residents than they do among all residents of Monterey County (about 13 percent of approximately 400,000 residents). Furthermore, an estimated 40 percent of all children (85 percent of whom are U.S. citizens) residing in East Salinas have at least one unauthorized parent. At the same time, unauthorized immigrants are often deeply rooted in their communities – in East Salinas, about half have resided in the United States for over a decade.

How do the unauthorized fare economically and socially?

East Salinas is one of the most economically disadvantaged regions in the county, and the poverty rate for unauthorized immigrants is 20 percent higher than that of the native born. Also, three-quarters of the unauthorized who are at least five years old do not speak English well, often limiting their social and economic status. For example, the unauthorized are often working and poor – those who work full-time but toil in low-wage industries and occupations with limited chances of economic mobility and limited access to employer-based health insurance.

How does this unauthorized population compare to the surrounding county?

In both East Salinas and Monterey County, many unauthorized immigrant workers labor in the broader region's dominant agricultural industries. Fully 75 percent of the unauthorized in East Salinas do not speak English well, which is similar to Monterey County (73 percent). Not speaking English well likely limits workers' ability to advance in other industries or move up economically. Evidence of the lack of mobility among the undocumented is seen in the extremely low homeownership rates in the site and county.

What is the state of health insurance coverage among unauthorized immigrants in the community?

To profile the relative access to medical insurance of the unauthorized, we estimate the percentage of residents age 25-64 years old with any type of insurance (for example, employer-sponsored, Medi-Cal, military) by nativity and legal status. This age range is chosen for comparison because it is conventional – specifically, those under 25 years of age are more likely to be covered by their parents and those older than 64 qualify for Medicare. Consistent with previous studies, unauthorized immigrants have very low medical insurance coverage: only around 39 percent of this working age population is covered in East Salinas – rates far below the native born (84 percent) yet higher than the average rate for unauthorized adults in the county (38 percent). The most prevalent type of medical insurance coverage is employer sponsored, but still, only 24 percent of the unauthorized have coverage through employers, compared to 63 percent for the native born and 25 percent of the unauthorized in the county.

TOTAL POPULATION	48,983		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	16,391	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	29,483	60%	U.S.-born	15,149	92%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	19,500	40%	Immigrant	1,242	8%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	4,859	10%	Unauthorized Immigrant	896	5%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	5,863	12%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	11,430	74%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	8,778	18%	of those children, share U.S.-born	10,303	90%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	24,197	49%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	6,248	40%
U.S.-born	14,539	49%	of those children, share US-born	5,318	85%
Immigrant	9,658	50%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	8,060	53%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,622	54%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	1,712	30%
Authorized Immigrant	2,448	42%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	6,687	59%
Unauthorized Immigrant	4,588	52%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	1,067	36%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	2,792	61%
White, Non-Latino	7,108	15%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	4,017	65%
Latino (Any Race)	36,784	75%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	8,778	18%
Asian, Non-Latino	3,855	8%	Top Five Countries of Origin	8,716	99%
Black, Non-Latino	712	1%	Mexico	8,351	95%
Other, Non-Latino	524	1%	Philippines	189	2%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	31,916	72%	El Salvador	102	1%
Immigrant	7,943	41%	India	37	0%
Naturalized Immigrant	3,418	71%	Vietnam	37	0%
Authorized Immigrant	2,328	40%	Female	4,588	52%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,197	25%	Ethno-Racial Group		
Homeownership	6,116	45%	Latino (Any Race)	8,475	97%
U.S.-born	3,351	53%	Asian, Non-Latino	303	3%
Immigrant	2,765	37%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	-	0%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,452	60%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Authorized Immigrant	1,023	41%	Age	31 yrs.	
Unauthorized Immigrant	290	12%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	18,687	38%	Years Residing in the USA	10 yrs.	
U.S.-born	10,343	35%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	6,224	80%
Immigrant	8,344	43%	Male Participation	3,648	93%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,194	25%	of which, share employed	3,198	88%
Authorized Immigrant	2,284	39%	of employed, share full-time	2,844	89%
Unauthorized Immigrant	4,866	55%	Female Participation	2,576	68%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			of which, share employed	2,209	86%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	16,092	67%	of employed, share full-time	1,686	76%
U.S.-born	7,593	84%	Top 5 Industries	4,051	75%
Immigrant	8,499	56%	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	2,422	45%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,924	79%	Business Services	496	9%
Authorized Immigrant	2,982	64%	Construction	383	7%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,593	39%	Manufacturing	382	7%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	11,530	48%	Retail Trade	368	7%
U.S.-born	5,653	63%	Top 5 Occupations	4,556	84%
Immigrant	5,877	39%	Farming, Forestry & Fishing	2,156	40%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,059	55%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	965	18%
Authorized Immigrant	2,197	47%	Transportation & Material Moving	551	10%
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,621	24%	Precision, Craft & Repair	507	9%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	1,856	8%	Construction	377	7%
U.S.-born	557	6%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$15,000	
Immigrant	1,299	9%	Male	\$15,700	
Naturalized Immigrant	222	6%	Female	\$13,000	
Authorized Immigrant	383	8%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$9,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	694	10%	Male	\$13,100	
			Female	\$7,600	

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TOTAL POPULATION			403,961	CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)			111,270
Nativity and Legal Status				Nativity and Legal Status			
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)			272,828 68%	U.S.-born			101,756 91%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")			131,133 32%	Immigrant			9,514 9%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)			40,283 10%	Unauthorized Immigrant			5,634 5%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)			36,841 9%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴			66,385 62%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)			54,009 13%	of those children, share U.S.-born			58,027 87%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)			203,190 50%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴			33,987 32%
U.S.-born			137,842 51%	of those children, share U.S.-born			27,702 82%
Immigrant			65,348 50%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴			43,846 41%
Naturalized Immigrant			22,689 56%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent			12,283 24%
Authorized Immigrant			17,298 47%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent			34,110 52%
Unauthorized Immigrant			25,361 47%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent			5,354 26%
Ethno-Racial Group				Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent			12,990 54%
White, Non-Latino			133,835 33%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent			21,191 63%
Latino (Any Race)			224,876 56%				
Asian, Non-Latino			25,275 6%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION			54,009 13%
Black, Non-Latino			8,613 2%	Top Five Countries of Origin			52,642 97%
Other, Non-Latino			11,362 3%	Mexico			50,180 93%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹			297,130 80%	El Salvador			1,356 3%
Immigrant			61,956 48%	Philippines			707 1%
Naturalized Immigrant			30,595 76%	Guatemala			200 0%
Authorized Immigrant			17,068 47%	Honduras			199 0%
Unauthorized Immigrant			14,293 27%	Female			25,361 47%
Homeownership			64,913 51%	Ethno-Racial Group			
U.S.-born			45,643 56%	Latino (Any Race)			52,061 96%
Immigrant			19,270 41%	Asian, Non-Latino			1,414 3%
Naturalized Immigrant			11,884 62%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)			534 1%
Authorized Immigrant			5,339 39%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)			
Unauthorized Immigrant			2,047 15%	Age			31 yrs.
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²			118,653 29%	Age First Arrived in Country			19 yrs.
U.S.-born			68,715 25%	Years Residing in the USA			10 yrs.
Immigrant			49,938 38%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)			36,957 78%
Naturalized Immigrant			7,878 20%	Male Participation			23,790 93%
Authorized Immigrant			12,885 35%	of which, share employed			21,242 89%
Unauthorized Immigrant			29,175 54%	of employed, share full-time			18,746 88%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)				Female Participation			13,167 60%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage			148,960 72%	of which, share employed			10,786 82%
U.S.-born			94,997 85%	of employed, share full-time			8,422 78%
Immigrant			53,963 57%	Top 5 Industries			25,202 79%
Naturalized Immigrant			22,436 79%	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing			14,144 44%
Authorized Immigrant			16,631 63%	Food & Recreational Services			4,268 13%
Unauthorized Immigrant			14,896 38%	Business Services			2,907 9%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage			99,029 48%	Retail Trade			2,095 7%
U.S.-born			62,388 56%	Construction			1,788 6%
Immigrant			36,641 39%	Top 5 Occupations			27,789 87%
Naturalized Immigrant			15,452 55%	Farming, Forestry & Fishing			12,601 39%
Authorized Immigrant			11,220 42%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service			7,558 24%
Unauthorized Immigrant			9,969 25%	Transportation & Material Moving			3,140 10%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³			12,085 6%	Precision, Craft & Repair			2,547 8%
U.S.-born			5,055 5%	Construction			1,943 6%
Immigrant			7,030 7%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)			\$17,000
Naturalized Immigrant			1,314 5%	Male			\$18,000
Authorized Immigrant			2,099 8%	Female			\$14,000
Unauthorized Immigrant			3,617 9%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)			\$10,500
				Male			\$13,300
				Female			\$7,600

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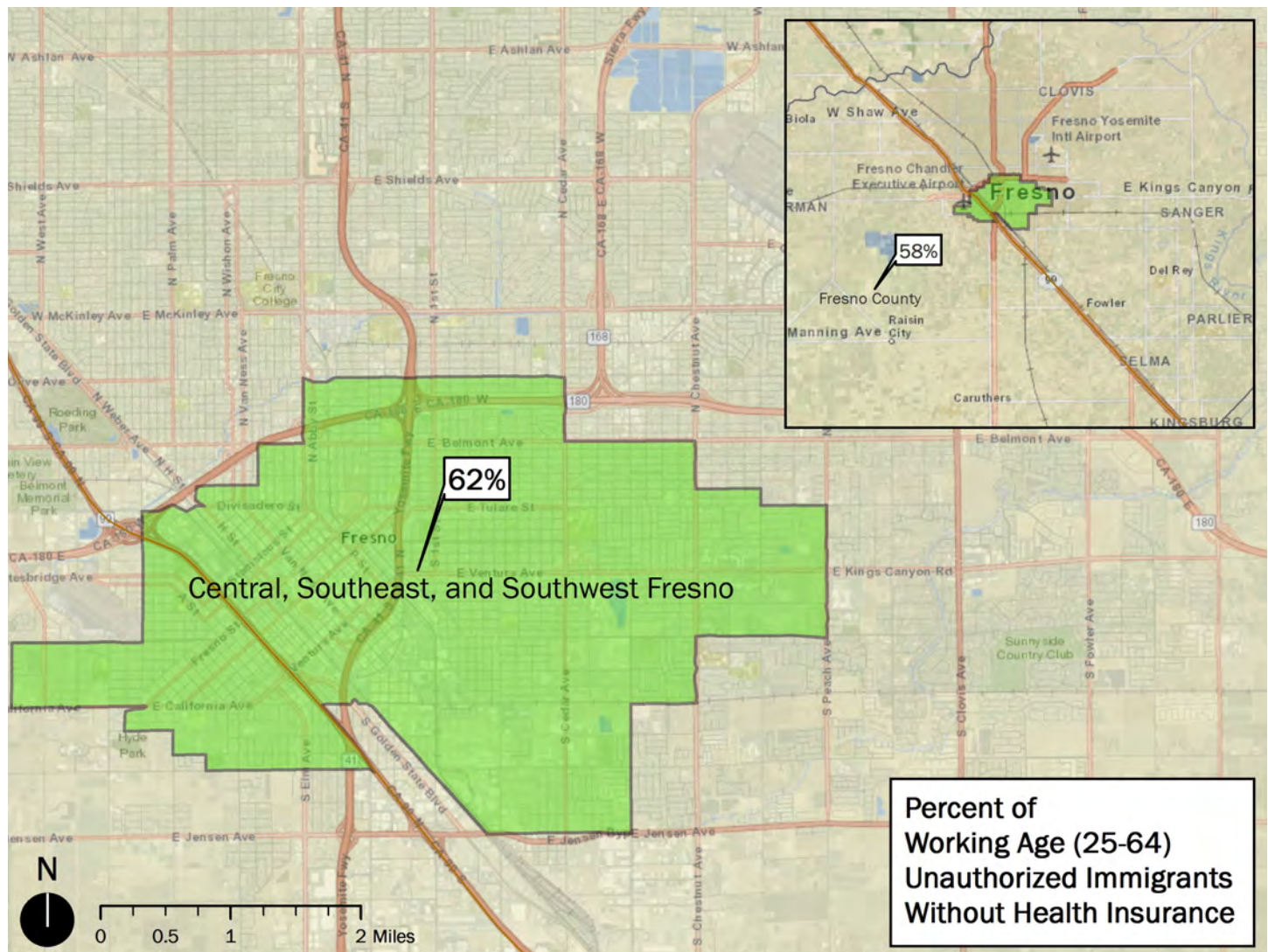
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How many unauthorized immigrants live here?

We estimate that unauthorized immigrants represent 10 percent of Central, Southeast, and Southwest Fresno's estimated almost 100,000 residents. Furthermore, an estimated one-fifth of all children (82 percent of whom are U.S. citizens) residing in Central, Southeast, and Southwest Fresno have at least one unauthorized parent. At the same time, unauthorized immigrants are often deeply rooted in their communities – in Central, Southeast, and Southwest Fresno, about half are estimated to have, on average, resided just shy of a decade (9 years) in the United States.

How do the unauthorized fare economically and socially?

Although Central, Southeast, and Southwest Fresno is one of the most economically disadvantaged areas in Fresno County, the difference in poverty rates between unauthorized immigrants and the native born is actually smaller in the area than at the county level. While the area has a 20 percent difference in poverty between the two groups, the gap is actually 33 percent at the county level. Also, more than 70 percent of the unauthorized who are at least five-years old do not speak English well, often limiting their social and economic status. For example, the unauthorized are often working and poor – those who work full-time but toil in low-wage industries and occupations such as the agricultural and service sectors – with limited chances of economic mobility and limited access to employer-based health insurance.

How does this unauthorized population compare to the surrounding county?

Central, Southeast, and Southwest Fresno County has the highest poverty rate (70 percent) among the unauthorized across all 14 BHC sites. It is also the case that the poverty rate for the undocumented is the highest in Fresno County (68 percent) as compared to the other counties hosting BHC sites. Combined with the low-wage agriculture industry and little opportunity for wealth creation – as seen in very low homeownership rates – both this BHC site and its surrounding county are part of a larger system of inequality operating in the Central Valley. However, the high number of children born to immigrants, including the unauthorized, creates a broader network of new alliances that tie U.S. citizens to the causes and concerns of the immigrant community.

What is the state of health insurance coverage among unauthorized immigrants in the community?

To profile the relative access to medical insurance of the unauthorized, we estimate the percentage of residents age 25-64 years old with any type of insurance (for example, employer-sponsored, Medi-Cal, military) by nativity and legal status. This age range is chosen for comparison because it is conventional – specifically, those under 25 years of age are more likely to be covered by their parents and those older than 64 qualify for Medicare. Consistent with previous studies, unauthorized immigrants have very low medical insurance coverage: only around 38 percent of this working age population is covered in Central, Southeast, and Southwest Fresno – rates far below the native born (78 percent) and lower than the average rate for unauthorized adults in the county (42 percent). One of the most common types of medical insurance coverage is employer sponsored, but only slightly more than one in ten of unauthorized migrants residing in this BHC site (13 percent) or in the county (14 percent) have coverage through an employer.

TOTAL POPULATION	98,754	CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	31,123
Nativity and Legal Status		Nativity and Legal Status	
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	72,176	73% U.S.-born	28,905 93%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	26,578	27% Immigrant	2,218 7%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	8,094	8% Unauthorized Immigrant	1,032 3%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	8,557	9% Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	15,173 51%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	9,927	10% of those children, share US-born	13,233 87%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	49,123	50% Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	6,059 20%
U.S.-born	36,820	51% of those children, share US-born	4,997 82%
Immigrant	12,303	46% Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	18,304 62%
Naturalized Immigrant	3,740	46% Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	9,268 56%
Authorized Immigrant	3,717	43% Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	9,863 65%
Unauthorized Immigrant	4,846	49% Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	3,381 52%
Ethno-Racial Group		Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	4,002 69%
White, Non-Latino	19,829	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	4,671 77%
Latino (Any Race)	55,352		
Asian, Non-Latino	13,153	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	9,927 10%
Black, Non-Latino	7,795	Top Five Countries of Origin	9,410 95%
Other, Non-Latino	2,625	8% Mexico	8,572 86%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	73,994	83% El Salvador	276 3%
Immigrant	12,028	46% Guatemala	219 2%
Naturalized Immigrant	5,433	68% Philippines	179 2%
Authorized Immigrant	3,922	46% Laos	164 2%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,673	27% Female	4,846 49%
Homeownership	13,254	43% Ethno-Racial Group	
U.S.-born	9,328	44% Latino (Any Race)	9,204 93%
Immigrant	3,926	41% Asian, Non-Latino	689 7%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,244	60% Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	34 0%
Authorized Immigrant	1,159	36% Age and Time in Country (Medians)	
Unauthorized Immigrant	523	20% Age	32 yrs.
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	48,883	50% Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.
U.S.-born	34,089	47% Years Residing in the USA	9 yrs.
Immigrant	14,794	56% Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	6,233 71%
Naturalized Immigrant	3,388	42% Male Participation	4,219 0%
Authorized Immigrant	4,462	52% of which, share employed	3,670 87%
Unauthorized Immigrant	6,944	70% of employed, share full-time	2,913 79%
		Female Participation	2,014 0%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)		of which, share employed	1,576 78%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	32,370	67% of employed, share full-time	1,110 70%
U.S.-born	22,194	78% Top 5 Industries	3,985 76%
Immigrant	10,176	52% Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	1,773 34%
Naturalized Immigrant	4,296	76% Construction	670 13%
Authorized Immigrant	2,999	48% Business Services	572 11%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,881	38% Food & Recreational Services	522 10%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	16,137	34% "Other" Services	448 9%
U.S.-born	11,898	42% Top 5 Occupations	4,743 90%
Immigrant	4,239	22% Farming, Forestry & Fishing	1,750 33%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,165	38% Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	1,299 25%
Authorized Immigrant	1,080	17% Precision, Craft & Repair	738 14%
Unauthorized Immigrant	994	13% Construction	564 11%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	10,164	21% Transportation & Material Moving	392 7%
U.S.-born	5,521	19% Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$14,000
Immigrant	4,643	24% Male	\$15,000
Naturalized Immigrant	1,478	26% Female	\$12,000
Authorized Immigrant	1,478	24% Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$10,000
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,687	23% Male	\$10,000
		Female	\$5,000

Notes

¹ Virtually all U.S.-born respondents in the ACS either report speaking English very well or speak no other language but English at home.

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³ Employer and low-income insurance coverage do not add up to total coverage which also includes private purchased insurance, veteran coverage, etc.

⁴ The denominator for these computations is the number of children residing with at least one parent.

TOTAL POPULATION	924,012		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	277,136	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	703,389	76%	U.S.-born	259,764	94%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	220,623	24%	Immigrant	17,372	6%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	76,848	8%	Unauthorized Immigrant	9,277	3%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	67,242	7%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	127,212	48%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	76,533	8%	of those children, share U.S.-born	111,371	88%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	465,653	50%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	55,471	21%
U.S.-born	359,890	51%	of those children, share U.S.-born	45,101	81%
Immigrant	105,763	48%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	137,187	52%
Naturalized Immigrant	38,663	50%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	66,588	41%
Authorized Immigrant	32,398	48%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	78,621	62%
Unauthorized Immigrant	34,702	45%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	20,165	42%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	29,347	65%
White, Non-Latino	298,697	32%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	43,284	78%
Latino (Any Race)	467,790	51%			
Asian, Non-Latino	88,230	10%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	76,533	8%
Black, Non-Latino	42,248	5%	Top Five Countries of Origin	72,715	95%
Other, Non-Latino	27,047	3%	Mexico	67,594	88%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	730,331	86%	El Salvador	2,335	3%
Immigrant	112,060	51%	India	1,201	2%
Naturalized Immigrant	56,197	74%	Philippines	905	1%
Authorized Immigrant	30,814	46%	Thailand	680	1%
Unauthorized Immigrant	25,049	33%	Female	34,702	45%
Homeownership	156,503	54%	Ethno-Racial Group		
U.S.-born	118,496	57%	Latino (Any Race)	71,740	94%
Immigrant	38,007	46%	Asian, Non-Latino	3,905	5%
Naturalized Immigrant	23,332	66%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	888	1%
Authorized Immigrant	9,628	39%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Unauthorized Immigrant	5,047	23%	Age	31 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	355,777	39%	Age First Arrived in Country	20 yrs.	
U.S.-born	246,780	35%	Years Residing in the USA	10 yrs.	
Immigrant	108,997	49%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	49,089	75%
Naturalized Immigrant	23,459	31%	Male Participation	33,680	93%
Authorized Immigrant	33,516	50%	of which, share employed	29,693	88%
Unauthorized Immigrant	52,022	68%	of employed, share full-time	25,417	86%
			Female Participation	15,409	53%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			of which, share employed	12,188	79%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	328,411	73%	of employed, share full-time	8,816	72%
U.S.-born	237,238	81%	Top 5 Industries	31,283	75%
Immigrant	91,173	58%	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	18,424	44%
Naturalized Immigrant	42,197	76%	Food & Recreational Services	3,464	8%
Authorized Immigrant	25,991	55%	Business Services	3,411	8%
Unauthorized Immigrant	22,985	42%	Construction	3,234	8%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	197,594	44%	Manufacturing	2,750	7%
U.S.-born	153,650	53%	Top 5 Occupations	36,820	88%
Immigrant	43,944	28%	Farming, Forestry & Fishing	17,475	42%
Naturalized Immigrant	24,622	44%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	7,966	19%
Authorized Immigrant	11,629	24%	Transportation & Material Moving	4,658	11%
Unauthorized Immigrant	7,693	14%	Precision, Craft & Repair	3,656	9%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	67,232	15%	Construction	3,065	7%
U.S.-born	35,078	12%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$15,000	
Immigrant	32,154	20%	Male	\$16,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	7,818	14%	Female	\$14,000	
Authorized Immigrant	10,686	22%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$7,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	13,650	25%	Male	\$8,000	
			Female	\$5,300	

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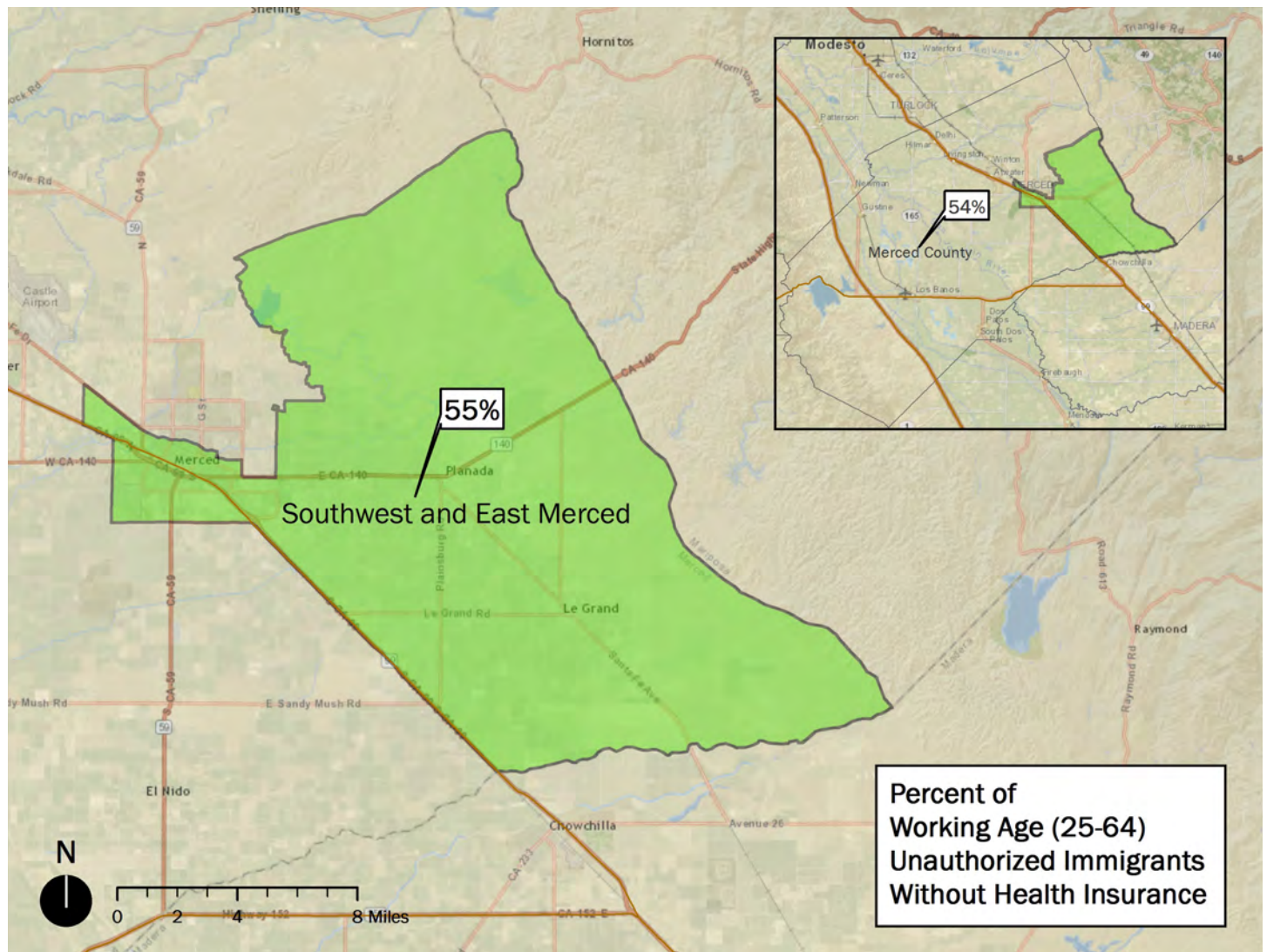
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⁴ The denominator for these computations is the number of children residing with at least one parent.

UNAUTHORIZED AND UNINSURED SOUTHWEST AND EAST MERCED AND MERCED COUNTY

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Why is this fact sheet important?

Southwest and East Merced is one of 14 sites supported by The California Endowment under its Building Healthy Communities (BHC) initiative. While BHC is focused on the broad social determinants of health – including improved land use, access to healthy food, and youth development – one key challenge for many residents of the BHC communities is access to medical insurance. This is especially true for unauthorized immigrants who are explicitly excluded from the insurance exchanges and Medi-Cal insurance expansion of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). While insurance coverage is a key issue for unauthorized immigrants, there is also evidence that maintaining a large population of uninsured residents harms others in terms of both economic and community health – thus, it matters for all Californians.

How many unauthorized immigrants live here?

We estimate that unauthorized immigrants represent 10 percent of Southwest and East Merced's estimated 61,000 residents, similar to Merced County as a whole. Furthermore, an estimated 23 percent of all children (76 percent of whom are U.S. citizens) residing in Southwest and East Merced have at least one unauthorized parent. At the same time, unauthorized immigrants are often deeply rooted in their communities – in Southwest and East Merced, about half have resided in the United States for a decade (10 years).

How do the unauthorized fare economically and socially?

The Southwest and East Merced BHC site, like the rest of the county, has high levels of poverty, with the poverty rate for unauthorized immigrants over 20 percent higher than that of the native born. Also, about 60 percent of the unauthorized who are at least five years old do not speak English well, often limiting their social and economic status. For example, the unauthorized are often working and poor – those who work full-time but toil in low-wage industries and occupations with limited chances of economic mobility and limited access to employer-based health insurance.

How does this unauthorized population compare to the surrounding county?

The unauthorized in Southwest and East Merced share many characteristics with unauthorized immigrants in the rest of the county – most notably, high poverty and very low homeownership rates compared to the native born. The ethno-racial makeup of the undocumented in the area is also mirrored at the county level; nearly all of the undocumented in both the site and county are Latino, with a small share of Asian immigrants. The similarities between the site and the county provide an opportunity to build countywide alliances among immigrant communities and build on shared experiences throughout the region.

What is the state of health insurance coverage among unauthorized immigrants in the community?

To profile the relative access to medical insurance of the unauthorized, we estimate the percentage of residents age 25-64 years old with any type of insurance (for example, employer-sponsored, Medi-Cal, military) by nativity and legal status. This age range is chosen for comparison because it is conventional – specifically, those under 25 years of age are more likely to be covered by their parents and those older than 64 qualify for Medicare. Consistent with previous studies, unauthorized immigrants have very low medical insurance coverage: only around 45 percent of this working age population is covered in Southwest and East Merced – rates far below the native born (82 percent) and similar to the average rate for unauthorized adults in the county (46 percent). The most prevalent type of medical insurance coverage is employer sponsored, but still, only 20 percent of the unauthorized have coverage through employers – a figure identical to that of the unauthorized in the county as a whole.

TOTAL POPULATION	60,911		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	18,537	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	44,753	73%	U.S.-born	17,110	92%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	16,158	27%	Immigrant	1,427	8%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	5,733	9%	Unauthorized Immigrant	913	5%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	4,416	7%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	9,424	52%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	6,009	10%	of those children, share US-born	8,015	85%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	31,470	52%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	4,122	23%
U.S.-born	23,389	52%	of those children, share US-born	3,127	76%
Immigrant	8,081	50%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	8,933	50%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,892	50%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	4,151	41%
Authorized Immigrant	1,988	45%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	5,339	57%
Unauthorized Immigrant	3,201	53%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	1,580	40%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	1,936	54%
White, Non-Latino	19,997	33%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	3,032	74%
Latino (Any Race)	32,271	53%			
Asian, Non-Latino	5,049	8%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	6,009	10%
Black, Non-Latino	2,002	3%	Top Five Countries of Origin	5,863	98%
Other, Non-Latino	1,592	3%	Mexico	4,943	82%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	48,845	87%	India	471	8%
Immigrant	9,013	56%	Guatemala	189	3%
Naturalized Immigrant	4,423	77%	Philippines	171	3%
Authorized Immigrant	2,215	51%	El Salvador	89	1%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,375	40%	Female	3,201	53%
Homeownership	9,628	51%	Ethno-Racial Group		
U.S.-born	6,642	53%	Latino (Any Race)	5,230	87%
Immigrant	2,986	47%	Asian, Non-Latino	600	10%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,578	62%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	179	3%
Authorized Immigrant	1,009	50%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Unauthorized Immigrant	399	22%	Age	32 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	23,676	39%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
U.S.-born	16,490	37%	Years Residing in the USA	10 yrs.	
Immigrant	7,186	44%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	3,611	73%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,678	29%	Male Participation	2,171	95%
Authorized Immigrant	1,969	45%	of which, share employed	1,948	90%
Unauthorized Immigrant	3,539	59%	of employed, share full-time	1,784	92%
			Female Participation	1,440	55%
			of which, share employed	1,145	80%
			of employed, share full-time	727	63%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			Top 5 Industries	2,339	76%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	22,245	76%	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	1,195	39%
U.S.-born	14,906	82%	Manufacturing	384	12%
Immigrant	7,339	65%	Business Services	312	10%
Naturalized Immigrant	3,534	85%	Food & Recreational Services	267	9%
Authorized Immigrant	2,011	65%	Retail Trade	181	6%
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,794	45%	Top 5 Occupations	2,575	83%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	12,794	44%	Farming, Forestry & Fishing	1,413	46%
U.S.-born	8,718	48%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	677	22%
Immigrant	4,076	36%	Precision, Craft & Repair	167	5%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,145	51%	Executive, Administrative & Managerial	163	5%
Authorized Immigrant	1,133	36%	Construction	155	5%
Unauthorized Immigrant	798	20%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$18,000	
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	4,461	15%	Male	\$20,000	
U.S.-born	2,519	14%	Female	\$12,000	
Immigrant	1,942	17%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$9,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	644	15%	Male	\$25,000	
Authorized Immigrant	538	17%	Female	\$6,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	760	19%			

Notes

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TOTAL POPULATION	255,508		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	80,164	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	186,993	73%	U.S.-born	75,599	94%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	68,515	27%	Immigrant	5,015	6%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	23,817	9%	Unauthorized Immigrant	3,136	4%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	20,408	8%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	43,011	54%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	24,290	10%	of those children, share U.S.-born	38,067	89%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	127,438	50%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	19,826	25%
U.S.-born	94,731	51%	of those children, share U.S.-born	16,414	83%
Immigrant	32,707	48%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	40,619	52%
Naturalized Immigrant	12,060	51%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	18,658	43%
Authorized Immigrant	9,234	45%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	24,258	57%
Unauthorized Immigrant	11,413	47%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	6,528	38%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	7,883	54%
White, Non-Latino	79,923	31%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	14,235	72%
Latino (Any Race)	142,193	56%			
Asian, Non-Latino	19,109	7%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	24,290	10%
Black, Non-Latino	7,852	3%	Top Five Countries of Origin	23,723	98%
Other, Non-Latino	6,431	3%	Mexico	21,450	88%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	199,809	86%	India	1,016	4%
Immigrant	36,992	54%	Philippines	502	2%
Naturalized Immigrant	17,790	75%	Guatemala	378	2%
Authorized Immigrant	9,853	48%	El Salvador	377	2%
Unauthorized Immigrant	9,349	39%	Female	11,413	47%
Homeownership	40,245	53%	Ethno-Racial Group		
U.S.-born	27,499	56%	Latino (Any Race)	22,302	92%
Immigrant	12,746	47%	Asian, Non-Latino	1,603	7%
Naturalized Immigrant	7,626	66%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	385	2%
Authorized Immigrant	3,634	46%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,486	20%	Age	31 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	100,249	39%	Age First Arrived in Country	19 yrs.	
U.S.-born	70,416	38%	Years Residing in the USA	11 yrs.	
Immigrant	29,833	44%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	14,834	72%
Naturalized Immigrant	6,331	27%	Male Participation	10,115	93%
Authorized Immigrant	8,498	42%	of which, share employed	8,988	89%
Unauthorized Immigrant	15,004	62%	of employed, share full-time	8,315	93%
			Female Participation	4,719	48%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			of which, share employed	3,627	77%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	87,641	72%	of employed, share full-time	2,539	70%
U.S.-born	56,974	81%	Top 5 Industries	7,991	78%
Immigrant	30,667	61%	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	5,457	43%
Naturalized Immigrant	13,685	78%	Manufacturing	1,315	10%
Authorized Immigrant	8,833	58%	Construction	1,184	9%
Unauthorized Immigrant	8,149	46%	Retail Trade	971	8%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	50,694	42%	Food & Recreational Services	900	7%
U.S.-born	33,847	48%	Top 5 Occupations	10,662	85%
Immigrant	16,847	33%	Farming, Forestry & Fishing	5,529	42%
Naturalized Immigrant	8,219	47%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	2,030	16%
Authorized Immigrant	5,145	34%	Construction	1,140	9%
Unauthorized Immigrant	3,483	20%	Transportation & Material Moving	1,121	9%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	18,278	15%	Precision, Craft & Repair	1,112	9%
U.S.-born	9,447	13%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$18,000	
Immigrant	8,831	18%	Male	\$20,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	2,538	14%	Female	\$14,000	
Authorized Immigrant	2,112	14%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$7,500	
Unauthorized Immigrant	4,181	24%	Male	\$10,200	
			Female	\$7,000	

Notes

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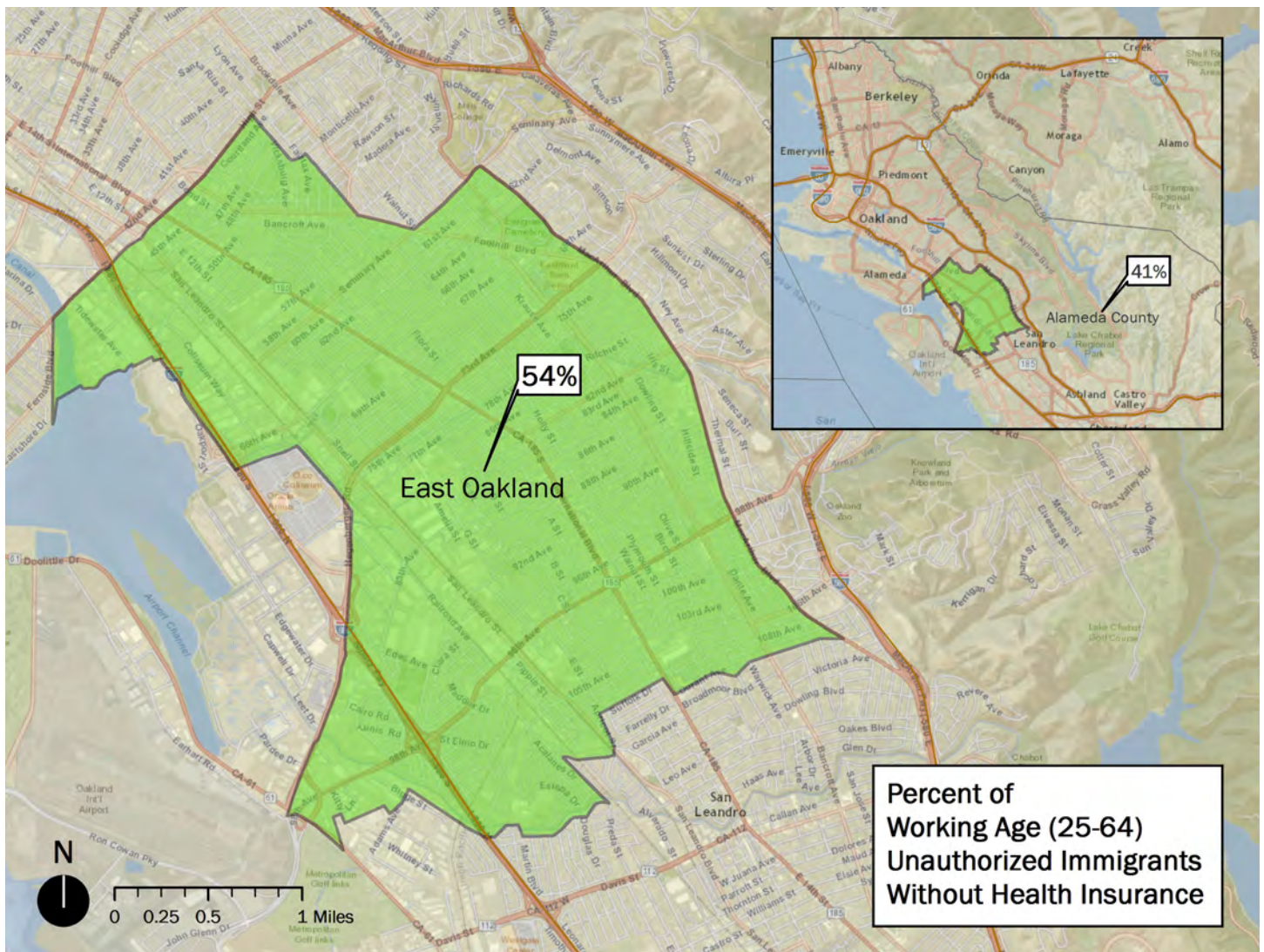
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How many unauthorized immigrants live here?

We estimate that unauthorized immigrants represent a larger part (17 percent) of East Oakland's estimated 90,000 residents than they do among all residents of Alameda County (about six percent of approximately 1.5 million residents). Furthermore, an estimated 35 percent of all children (79 percent of whom are U.S. citizens) residing in East Oakland have at least one unauthorized parent. At the same time, unauthorized immigrants are often deeply rooted in their communities – in East Oakland they have resided just shy of a decade (nine years) in the United States.

How do the unauthorized fare economically and socially?

East Oakland is one of the most economically disadvantaged communities in the county, and the poverty rate for unauthorized immigrants is about 10 percent higher than that of the native born. Also, almost 70 percent of the unauthorized who are at least five years old do not speak English well, often limiting their social and economic status. For example, the unauthorized are often among the working and poor – those who work full-time but toil in low-wage industries with limited chances of economic mobility and limited access to employer-based health insurance.

How does this unauthorized population compare to the surrounding county?

East Oakland is a diverse majority-minority community of color, but slowly reaching a Latino majority. The unauthorized population in East Oakland is largely Latino whereas in the county, there is more diversity with representation by unauthorized East and South Asian immigrants. This characteristic is significant because of the differing opportunities across immigrant groups. For example, the Latino unauthorized likely have a different set of networks than other unauthorized populations based on geography alone which may have important economic and social consequences.

What is the state of health insurance coverage among unauthorized immigrants in the community?

To profile the relative access to medical insurance of the unauthorized, we estimate the percentage of residents age 25-64 years old with any type of insurance (for example, employer-sponsored, Medi-Cal, military) by nativity and legal status. This age range is chosen for comparison because it is conventional – specifically, those under 25 years of age are more likely to be covered by their parents and those older than 64 qualify for Medicare. Consistent with previous studies, unauthorized immigrants have very low medical insurance coverage: only around 46 percent of this working age population is covered in East Oakland – rates far below the native born (78 percent) and lower than the average rate for unauthorized adults in the county (59 percent). The most common type of medical insurance coverage is employer sponsored, but still, only 22 percent of the unauthorized have coverage through employers, compared to over one-half of the native born and 38 percent of the unauthorized in the county.

TOTAL POPULATION	89,771		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	25,600	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	56,715	63%	U.S.-born	22,873	89%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	33,056	37%	Immigrant	2,727	11%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	10,030	11%	Unauthorized Immigrant	1,728	7%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	7,970	9%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	14,615	62%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	15,056	17%	of those children, share U.S.-born	12,261	84%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	46,436	52%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	8,387	35%
U.S.-born	30,498	54%	of those children, share U.S.-born	6,636	79%
Immigrant	15,938	48%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	13,043	56%
Naturalized Immigrant	4,940	49%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	5,574	54%
Authorized Immigrant	3,947	50%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	8,094	56%
Unauthorized Immigrant	7,051	47%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	1,506	35%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	2,154	45%
White, Non-Latino	6,168	7%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	5,684	68%
Latino (Any Race)	41,165	46%			
Asian, Non-Latino	10,084	11%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	15,056	17%
Black, Non-Latino	28,614	32%	Top Five Countries of Origin	14,289	95%
Other, Non-Latino	3,740	4%	Mexico	11,270	75%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	63,752	77%	El Salvador	1,486	10%
Immigrant	14,911	45%	Guatemala	1,132	8%
Naturalized Immigrant	6,245	63%	Vietnam	215	1%
Authorized Immigrant	4,095	51%	Other South Central Asia, not specified	186	1%
Unauthorized Immigrant	4,571	31%	Female	7,051	47%
Homeownership	11,765	43%	Ethno-Racial Group		
U.S.-born	7,174	43%	Latino (Any Race)	14,106	94%
Immigrant	4,591	42%	Asian, Non-Latino	828	5%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,691	62%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	122	1%
Authorized Immigrant	1,075	43%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Unauthorized Immigrant	825	20%	Age	32 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	38,784	43%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
U.S.-born	24,812	44%	Years Residing in the USA	9 yrs.	
Immigrant	13,972	42%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	9,442	73%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,932	29%	Male Participation	6,597	95%
Authorized Immigrant	2,740	35%	of which, share employed	5,740	87%
Unauthorized Immigrant	8,300	55%	of employed, share full-time	4,098	71%
			Female Participation	2,845	48%
			of which, share employed	2,395	84%
			of employed, share full-time	1,562	65%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			Top 5 Industries	6,445	79%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	31,473	68%	Construction	2,197	27%
U.S.-born	16,824	78%	Food & Recreational Services	1,399	17%
Immigrant	14,649	60%	Business Services	1,099	14%
Naturalized Immigrant	5,719	78%	Retail Trade	995	12%
Authorized Immigrant	3,766	63%	"Other" Services	755	9%
Unauthorized Immigrant	5,164	46%	Top 5 Occupations	7,415	91%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	18,037	39%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	2,876	35%
U.S.-born	9,877	46%	Construction	1,991	24%
Immigrant	8,160	33%	Precision, Craft & Repair	1,147	14%
Naturalized Immigrant	3,519	48%	Transportation & Material Moving	950	12%
Authorized Immigrant	2,187	36%	Sales	451	6%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,454	22%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$21,000	
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	8,590	19%	Male	\$22,100	
U.S.-born	3,923	18%	Female	\$18,000	
Immigrant	4,667	19%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$7,200	
Naturalized Immigrant	975	13%	Male	\$7,500	
Authorized Immigrant	1,354	23%	Female	\$6,600	
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,338	21%			

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TOTAL POPULATION	1,507,941		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	340,479	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	1,006,786	67%	U.S.-born	311,522	91%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	501,155	33%	Immigrant	28,957	9%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	267,992	18%	Unauthorized Immigrant	10,136	3%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	135,457	9%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	186,966	57%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	97,706	6%	of those children, share U.S.-born	161,246	86%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	768,729	51%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	50,837	15%
U.S.-born	511,491	51%	of those children, share U.S.-born	40,320	79%
Immigrant	257,238	51%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	81,132	25%
Naturalized Immigrant	141,690	53%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	35,803	20%
Authorized Immigrant	70,077	52%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	48,812	26%
Unauthorized Immigrant	45,471	47%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	17,041	16%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	15,203	26%
White, Non-Latino	509,603	34%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	25,379	50%
Latino (Any Race)	336,347	22%			
Asian, Non-Latino	403,796	27%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	97,706	6%
Black, Non-Latino	178,826	12%	Top Five Countries of Origin	80,029	82%
Other, Non-Latino	79,369	5%	Mexico	56,137	57%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	1,266,985	90%	China	7,005	7%
Immigrant	362,410	73%	El Salvador	6,071	6%
Naturalized Immigrant	219,160	82%	India	5,442	6%
Authorized Immigrant	92,768	69%	Philippines	5,374	6%
Unauthorized Immigrant	50,482	52%	Female	45,471	47%
Homeownership	292,824	53%	Ethno-Racial Group		
U.S.-born	189,720	54%	Latino (Any Race)	67,939	70%
Immigrant	103,104	52%	Asian, Non-Latino	25,334	26%
Naturalized Immigrant	78,522	64%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	4,433	5%
Authorized Immigrant	19,154	40%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Unauthorized Immigrant	5,428	20%	Age	31 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	298,299	20%	Age First Arrived in Country	22 yrs.	
U.S.-born	190,079	19%	Years Residing in the USA	9 yrs.	
Immigrant	108,220	22%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	63,056	74%
Naturalized Immigrant	40,124	15%	Male Participation	41,392	90%
Authorized Immigrant	29,621	22%	of which, share employed	38,243	92%
Unauthorized Immigrant	38,475	39%	of employed, share full-time	30,025	79%
			Female Participation	21,664	55%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			of which, share employed	18,881	87%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	727,288	84%	of employed, share full-time	12,372	66%
U.S.-born	429,225	88%	Top 5 Industries	41,954	73%
Immigrant	298,063	80%	Food & Recreational Services	11,528	20%
Naturalized Immigrant	177,592	89%	Business Services	9,547	17%
Authorized Immigrant	77,514	77%	Construction	8,210	14%
Unauthorized Immigrant	42,957	59%	Manufacturing	6,587	12%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	537,577	62%	Retail Trade	6,082	11%
U.S.-born	317,491	65%	Top 5 Occupations	44,439	78%
Immigrant	220,086	59%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	19,790	35%
Naturalized Immigrant	135,443	68%	Construction	7,824	14%
Authorized Immigrant	56,725	56%	Precision, Craft & Repair	7,022	12%
Unauthorized Immigrant	27,918	38%	Transportation & Material Moving	5,145	9%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	63,722	7%	Sales	4,658	8%
U.S.-born	29,081	6%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$25,000	
Immigrant	34,641	9%	Male	\$26,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	13,611	7%	Female	\$22,000	
Authorized Immigrant	9,650	10%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$10,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	11,380	16%	Male	\$11,300	
			Female	\$8,000	

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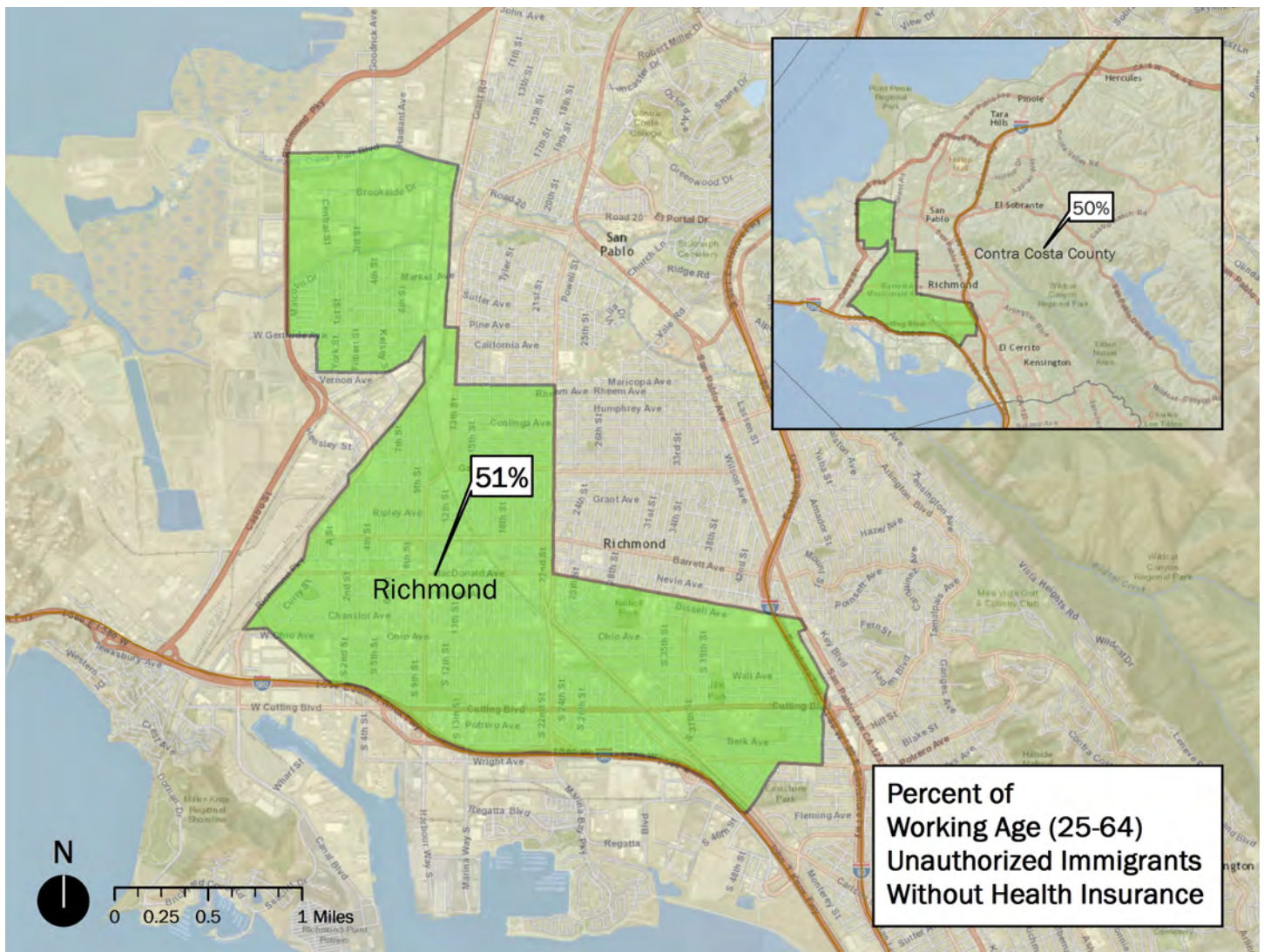
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How many unauthorized immigrants live here?

We estimate that unauthorized immigrants represent a larger part (14 percent) of Richmond's estimated 47,000 residents than they do among all residents of Contra Costa County (about six percent of approximately one million residents). Furthermore, an estimated 36 percent of all children (78 percent of whom are U.S. citizens) residing in Richmond have at least one unauthorized parent. At the same time, unauthorized immigrants are often deeply rooted in their communities – in Richmond, about half have resided just shy of a decade (nine years) in the USA.

How do the unauthorized fare economically and socially?

Richmond is one of the poorest neighborhoods in the county, but it is also important to point out that the poverty rate among unauthorized immigrants is almost 20 percent higher than that of the native born. Also, about one-half of the unauthorized five years of age or older do not speak English well, often limiting their social and economic status. For example, the unauthorized are often working and poor – those who work full-time but toil in low-wage industries and occupations with limited chances of economic mobility and limited access to employer-based health insurance.

How does this unauthorized population compare to the surrounding county?

Richmond hosts a significant proportion of the unauthorized immigrant population, in comparison to the county at large. This is part of a larger pattern: there is a broader immigrant community that resides in Richmond that is intertwined with the unauthorized. For example, 70 percent of all the children in Richmond have at least one immigrant parent. More generally, the data demonstrate that immigrants represent a larger share of the total population in Richmond (some 39 percent) than in Contra Costa County (26 percent). As such, Richmond may be an especially important site to evaluate the medical resources available to immigrants as well as structural impediments to accessing these and other resources needed for successful immigrant integration.

What is the state of health insurance coverage among unauthorized immigrants in the community?

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TOTAL POPULATION	47,439		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	12,560	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	28,752	61%	U.S.-born	10,997	88%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	18,687	39%	Immigrant	1,563	12%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	6,252	13%	Unauthorized Immigrant	855	7%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	5,931	13%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	8,521	70%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	6,504	14%	of those children, share U.S.-born	7,052	83%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	24,256	51%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	4,357	36%
U.S.-born	14,525	51%	of those children, share U.S.-born	3,401	78%
Immigrant	9,731	52%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	5,771	48%
Naturalized Immigrant	3,310	53%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	1,722	37%
Authorized Immigrant	3,032	51%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	4,376	52%
Unauthorized Immigrant	3,389	52%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	1,288	42%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	1,387	45%
White, Non-Latino	6,873	14%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	2,886	66%
Latino (Any Race)	22,780	48%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	6,504	14%
Asian, Non-Latino	6,396	13%	Top Five Countries of Origin	5,973	92%
Black, Non-Latino	10,265	22%	Mexico	4,520	69%
Other, Non-Latino	1,125	2%	El Salvador	759	12%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	35,311	82%	Guatemala	368	6%
Immigrant	11,015	60%	Philippines	192	3%
Naturalized Immigrant	4,501	73%	China	134	2%
Authorized Immigrant	3,381	57%	Female	3,389	52%
Unauthorized Immigrant	3,133	49%	Ethno-Racial Group		
Homeownership	7,256	45%	Latino (Any Race)	6,001	92%
U.S.-born	3,820	42%	Asian, Non-Latino	401	6%
Immigrant	3,436	48%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	102	2%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,132	67%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Authorized Immigrant	648	34%	Age	31 yrs.	
Unauthorized Immigrant	656	33%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	16,101	34%	Years Residing in the USA	9 yrs.	
U.S.-born	9,710	34%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	4,383	78%
Immigrant	6,391	34%	Male Participation	2,535	93%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,587	25%	of which, share employed	2,253	89%
Authorized Immigrant	1,560	26%	of employed, share full-time	1,925	85%
Unauthorized Immigrant	3,244	50%	Female Participation	1,848	65%
			of which, share employed	1,624	88%
			of employed, share full-time	1,044	64%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			Top 5 Industries	2,934	76%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	18,274	71%	Business Services	972	25%
U.S.-born	9,388	82%	Construction	722	19%
Immigrant	8,886	63%	Food & Recreational Services	636	16%
Naturalized Immigrant	3,917	79%	"Other" Services	356	9%
Authorized Immigrant	2,493	59%	Transportation, etc.	248	6%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,476	49%	Top 5 Occupations	3,352	86%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	12,682	49%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	1,665	43%
U.S.-born	6,317	55%	Construction	766	20%
Immigrant	6,365	45%	Precision, Craft & Repair	469	12%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,898	59%	Executive, Administrative & Managerial	236	6%
Authorized Immigrant	1,940	46%	Transportation & Material Moving	216	6%
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,527	30%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$25,000	
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	3,151	12%	Male	\$28,000	
U.S.-born	1,635	14%	Female	\$22,900	
Immigrant	1,516	11%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$10,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	423	9%	Male	\$12,000	
Authorized Immigrant	322	8%	Female	\$5,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	771	15%			

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TOTAL POPULATION	1,054,920		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	259,441	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	780,737	74%	U.S.-born	241,329	93%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	274,183	26%	Immigrant	18,112	7%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	144,669	14%	Unauthorized Immigrant	6,665	3%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	68,832	7%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	116,467	46%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	60,682	6%	of those children, share U.S.-born	100,732	86%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	540,770	51%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	35,653	14%
U.S.-born	398,084	51%	of those children, share U.S.-born	28,030	79%
Immigrant	142,686	52%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	54,840	22%
Naturalized Immigrant	78,523	54%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	26,450	16%
Authorized Immigrant	35,259	51%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	30,841	27%
Unauthorized Immigrant	28,904	48%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	9,933	15%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	8,600	24%
White, Non-Latino	503,460	48%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	18,823	53%
Latino (Any Race)	255,160	24%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	60,682	6%
Asian, Non-Latino	154,225	15%	Top Five Countries of Origin	51,650	85%
Black, Non-Latino	90,903	9%	Mexico	39,142	65%
Other, Non-Latino	51,172	5%	El Salvador	4,429	7%
Speaks English Well (among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	916,201	93%	Philippines	3,294	5%
Immigrant	205,789	76%	Guatemala	3,277	5%
Naturalized Immigrant	126,409	88%	India	1,508	2%
Authorized Immigrant	49,602	72%	Female	28,904	48%
Unauthorized Immigrant	29,778	50%	Ethno-Racial Group		
Homeownership	251,710	67%	Latino (Any Race)	49,576	82%
U.S.-born	186,554	69%	Asian, Non-Latino	8,406	14%
Immigrant	65,156	61%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	2,700	4%
Naturalized Immigrant	50,383	75%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Authorized Immigrant	10,773	48%	Age	32 yrs.	
Unauthorized Immigrant	4,000	24%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	181,625	17%	Years Residing in the USA	9 yrs.	
U.S.-born	119,252	15%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	39,207	75%
Immigrant	62,373	23%	Male Participation	25,348	91%
Naturalized Immigrant	20,200	14%	of which, share employed	23,292	92%
Authorized Immigrant	13,780	20%	of employed, share full-time	17,773	76%
Unauthorized Immigrant	28,393	47%	Female Participation	13,859	56%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			of which, share employed	12,189	88%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	491,899	85%	of employed, share full-time	6,879	56%
U.S.-born	337,998	90%	Top 5 Industries	27,275	77%
Immigrant	153,901	76%	Financial Services	7,592	21%
Naturalized Immigrant	94,267	87%	Utilities	6,906	19%
Authorized Immigrant	37,053	74%	Community Services	6,614	19%
Unauthorized Immigrant	22,581	50%	Food & Recreational Services	3,224	9%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	366,893	63%	Wholesale Trade	2,939	8%
U.S.-born	252,684	67%	Top 5 Occupations	29,367	83%
Immigrant	114,209	56%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	15,434	43%
Naturalized Immigrant	72,562	67%	Construction	6,683	19%
Authorized Immigrant	27,404	55%	Transportation & Material Moving	2,591	7%
Unauthorized Immigrant	14,243	31%	Precision, Craft & Repair	2,514	7%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	35,048	6%	Sales	2,145	6%
U.S.-born	19,166	5%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$24,000	
Immigrant	15,882	8%	Male	\$25,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	5,583	5%	Female	\$20,000	
Authorized Immigrant	3,931	8%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$9,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	6,368	14%	Male	\$10,000	
			Female	\$7,000	

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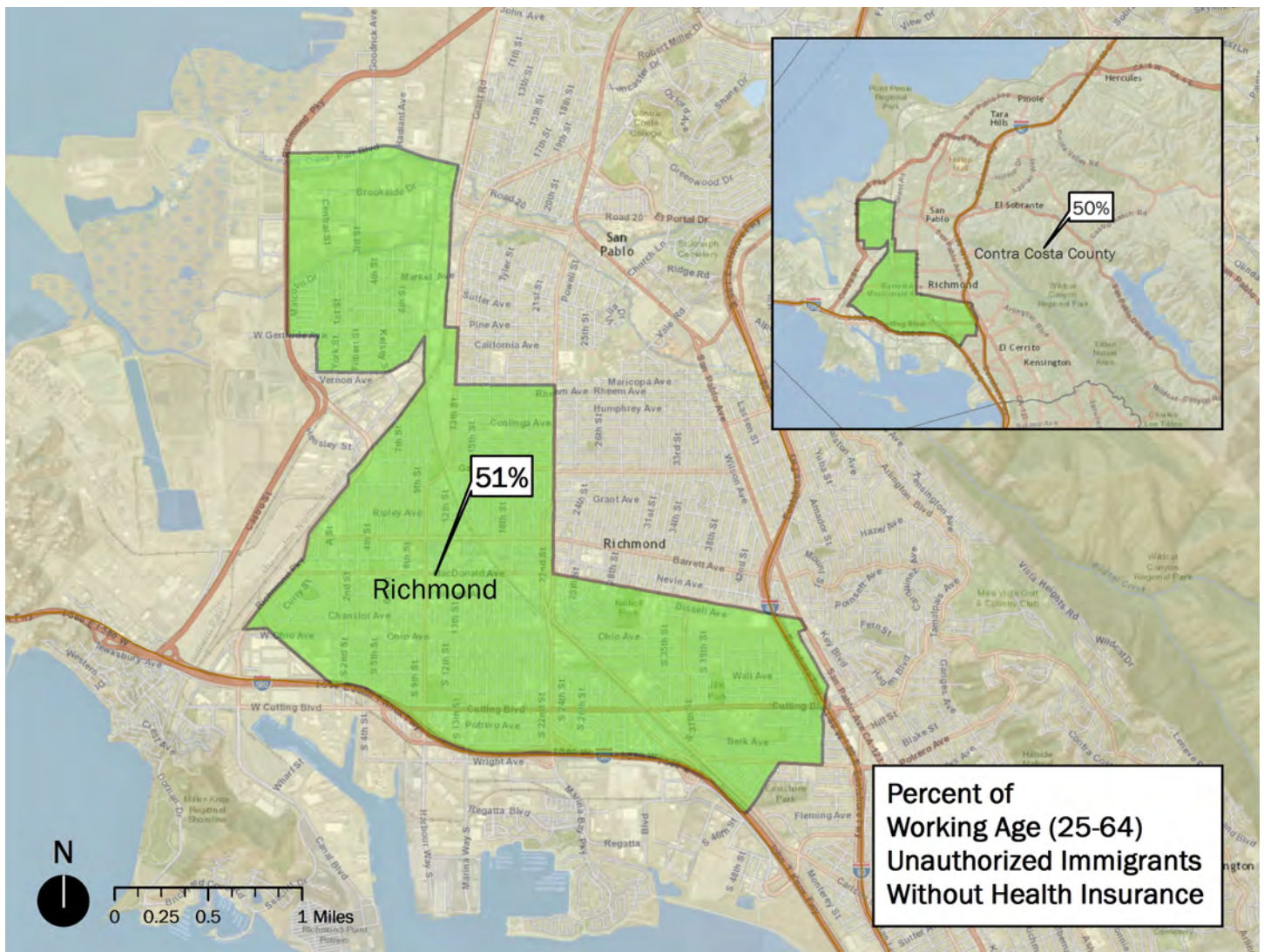
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Richmond is one of 14 sites supported by The California Endowment under its Building Healthy Communities (BHC) initiative. While BHC is focused on the broad social determinants of health – including improved land use, access to healthy food, and youth development – one key challenge for many residents of the BHC communities is access to medical insurance. This is especially true for unauthorized immigrants who are explicitly excluded from the insurance exchanges and Medi-Cal insurance expansion of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). While insurance coverage is a key issue for unauthorized immigrants, there is also evidence that maintaining a large population of uninsured residents harms others in terms of both economic and community health – thus, it matters for all Californians.

How many unauthorized immigrants live here?

We estimate that unauthorized immigrants represent a larger part (14 percent) of Richmond's estimated 47,000 residents than they do among all residents of Contra Costa County (about six percent of approximately one million residents). Furthermore, an estimated 36 percent of all children (78 percent of whom are U.S. citizens) residing in Richmond have at least one unauthorized parent. At the same time, unauthorized immigrants are often deeply rooted in their communities – in Richmond, about half have resided just shy of a decade (nine years) in the USA.

How do the unauthorized fare economically and socially?

Richmond is one of the poorest neighborhoods in the county, but it is also important to point out that the poverty rate among unauthorized immigrants is almost 20 percent higher than that of the native born. Also, about one-half of the unauthorized five years of age or older do not speak English well, often limiting their social and economic status. For example, the unauthorized are often working and poor – those who work full-time but toil in low-wage industries and occupations with limited chances of economic mobility and limited access to employer-based health insurance.

How does this unauthorized population compare to the surrounding county?

Richmond hosts a significant proportion of the unauthorized immigrant population, in comparison to the county at large. This is part of a larger pattern: there is a broader immigrant community that resides in Richmond that is intertwined with the unauthorized. For example, 70 percent of all the children in Richmond have at least one immigrant parent. More generally, the data demonstrate that immigrants represent a larger share of the total population in Richmond (some 39 percent) than in Contra Costa County (26 percent). As such, Richmond may be an especially important site to evaluate the medical resources available to immigrants as well as structural impediments to accessing these and other resources needed for successful immigrant integration.

What is the state of health insurance coverage among unauthorized immigrants in the community?

To profile the relative access to medical insurance of the unauthorized, we estimate the percentage of residents 25-64 years old with any type of insurance (for example, employer-sponsored, Medi-Cal, military) by nativity and legal status. This age range is chosen for comparison because it is conventional – specifically, those under 25 years of age are more likely to be covered by their parents and those older than 64 qualify for Medicare. Consistent with previous studies, unauthorized immigrants have very low medical insurance coverage: only around 49 percent of this working age population is covered in Richmond – rates far below the native born (82 percent) and similar to the average rate for unauthorized adults in the county (50 percent). The most prevalent type of medical insurance coverage is employer sponsored, but still, only 30 percent of the unauthorized have coverage through employers, compared to over one-half of the native born and almost one-third of the unauthorized in the region.

TOTAL POPULATION	47,439		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	12,560	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	28,752	61%	U.S.-born	10,997	88%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	18,687	39%	Immigrant	1,563	12%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	6,252	13%	Unauthorized Immigrant	855	7%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	5,931	13%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	8,521	70%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	6,504	14%	of those children, share U.S.-born	7,052	83%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	24,256	51%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	4,357	36%
U.S.-born	14,525	51%	of those children, share U.S.-born	3,401	78%
Immigrant	9,731	52%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	5,771	48%
Naturalized Immigrant	3,310	53%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	1,722	37%
Authorized Immigrant	3,032	51%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	4,376	52%
Unauthorized Immigrant	3,389	52%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	1,288	42%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	1,387	45%
White, Non-Latino	6,873	14%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	2,886	66%
Latino (Any Race)	22,780	48%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	6,504	14%
Asian, Non-Latino	6,396	13%	Top Five Countries of Origin	5,973	92%
Black, Non-Latino	10,265	22%	Mexico	4,520	69%
Other, Non-Latino	1,125	2%	El Salvador	759	12%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	35,311	82%	Guatemala	368	6%
Immigrant	11,015	60%	Philippines	192	3%
Naturalized Immigrant	4,501	73%	China	134	2%
Authorized Immigrant	3,381	57%	Female	3,389	52%
Unauthorized Immigrant	3,133	49%	Ethno-Racial Group		
Homeownership	7,256	45%	Latino (Any Race)	6,001	92%
U.S.-born	3,820	42%	Asian, Non-Latino	401	6%
Immigrant	3,436	48%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	102	2%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,132	67%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Authorized Immigrant	648	34%	Age	31 yrs.	
Unauthorized Immigrant	656	33%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	16,101	34%	Years Residing in the USA	9 yrs.	
U.S.-born	9,710	34%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	4,383	78%
Immigrant	6,391	34%	Male Participation	2,535	93%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,587	25%	of which, share employed	2,253	89%
Authorized Immigrant	1,560	26%	of employed, share full-time	1,925	85%
Unauthorized Immigrant	3,244	50%	Female Participation	1,848	65%
			of which, share employed	1,624	88%
			of employed, share full-time	1,044	64%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			Top 5 Industries	2,934	76%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	18,274	71%	Business Services	972	25%
U.S.-born	9,388	82%	Construction	722	19%
Immigrant	8,886	63%	Food & Recreational Services	636	16%
Naturalized Immigrant	3,917	79%	"Other" Services	356	9%
Authorized Immigrant	2,493	59%	Transportation, etc.	248	6%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,476	49%	Top 5 Occupations	3,352	86%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	12,682	49%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	1,665	43%
U.S.-born	6,317	55%	Construction	766	20%
Immigrant	6,365	45%	Precision, Craft & Repair	469	12%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,898	59%	Executive, Administrative & Managerial	236	6%
Authorized Immigrant	1,940	46%	Transportation & Material Moving	216	6%
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,527	30%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$25,000	
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	3,151	12%	Male	\$28,000	
U.S.-born	1,635	14%	Female	\$22,900	
Immigrant	1,516	11%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$10,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	423	9%	Male	\$12,000	
Authorized Immigrant	322	8%	Female	\$5,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	771	15%			

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TOTAL POPULATION	1,054,920		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	259,441	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	780,737	74%	U.S.-born	241,329	93%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	274,183	26%	Immigrant	18,112	7%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	144,669	14%	Unauthorized Immigrant	6,665	3%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	68,832	7%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	116,467	46%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	60,682	6%	of those children, share U.S.-born	100,732	86%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	540,770	51%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	35,653	14%
U.S.-born	398,084	51%	of those children, share U.S.-born	28,030	79%
Immigrant	142,686	52%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	54,840	22%
Naturalized Immigrant	78,523	54%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	26,450	16%
Authorized Immigrant	35,259	51%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	30,841	27%
Unauthorized Immigrant	28,904	48%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	9,933	15%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	8,600	24%
White, Non-Latino	503,460	48%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	18,823	53%
Latino (Any Race)	255,160	24%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	60,682	6%
Asian, Non-Latino	154,225	15%	Top Five Countries of Origin	51,650	85%
Black, Non-Latino	90,903	9%	Mexico	39,142	65%
Other, Non-Latino	51,172	5%	El Salvador	4,429	7%
Speaks English Well (among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	916,201	93%	Philippines	3,294	5%
Immigrant	205,789	76%	Guatemala	3,277	5%
Naturalized Immigrant	126,409	88%	India	1,508	2%
Authorized Immigrant	49,602	72%	Female	28,904	48%
Unauthorized Immigrant	29,778	50%	Ethno-Racial Group		
Homeownership	251,710	67%	Latino (Any Race)	49,576	82%
U.S.-born	186,554	69%	Asian, Non-Latino	8,406	14%
Immigrant	65,156	61%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	2,700	4%
Naturalized Immigrant	50,383	75%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Authorized Immigrant	10,773	48%	Age	32 yrs.	
Unauthorized Immigrant	4,000	24%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	181,625	17%	Years Residing in the USA	9 yrs.	
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INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			of which, share employed	12,189	88%
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Unauthorized Immigrant	14,243	31%	Precision, Craft & Repair	2,514	7%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	35,048	6%	Sales	2,145	6%
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Authorized Immigrant	3,931	8%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$9,000	
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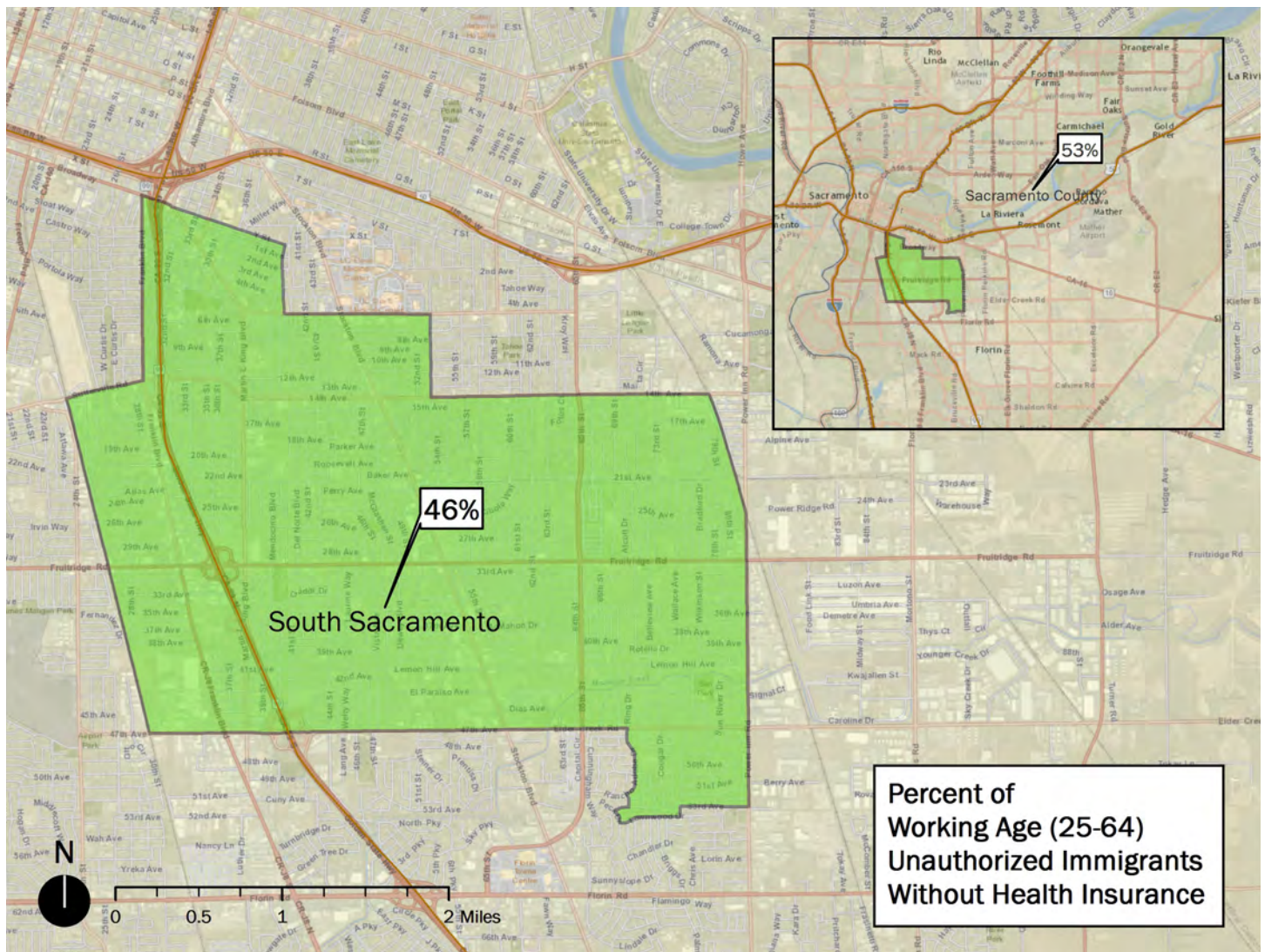
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How many unauthorized immigrants live here?

We estimate that unauthorized immigrants represent a larger part (6 percent) of South Sacramento's estimated 77,000 residents than they do among all residents of Sacramento County (about four percent of approximately 1.4 million residents). Furthermore, an estimated 15 percent of all children (70 percent of whom are U.S. citizens) residing in South Sacramento have at least one unauthorized parent. At the same time, unauthorized immigrants are often deeply rooted in their communities – in South Sacramento, about half have resided just shy of a decade (eight years) in the USA.

How do the unauthorized fare economically and socially?

South Sacramento is one of the poorest neighborhoods in the county, and the poverty rate for unauthorized immigrants is 24 percent higher than that of the native born. Also, over one-half of the unauthorized who are at least five years old do not speak English well, often limiting their social and economic status. For example, the unauthorized are often working and poor – those who work full-time but toil in low-wage industries and occupations with limited chances of economic mobility and limited access to employer-based health insurance.

How does this unauthorized population compare to the surrounding county?

The unauthorized are at a greater disadvantage in South Sacramento than in the county, with slightly lower levels of homeownership and English proficiency. The more interesting story is the difference in diversity between unauthorized migrants in the site and the surrounding county. While Mexican-origin individuals make up the largest share of both South Sacramento and the county's unauthorized population, the remainder of the unauthorized population in the site is relatively less diverse compared to the county where a significant share of the county's unauthorized residents (14 percent) are neither Latino nor Asian.

What is the state of health insurance coverage among unauthorized immigrants in the community?

To profile the relative access to medical insurance of the unauthorized, we estimate the percentage of residents age 25-64 years old with any type of insurance (for example, employer-sponsored, Medi-Cal, military) by nativity and legal status. This age range is chosen for comparison because it is conventional – specifically, those under 25 years of age are more likely to be covered by their parents and those older than 64 qualify for Medicare. Consistent with previous studies, unauthorized immigrants have very low medical insurance coverage: only around 54 percent of this working age population is covered in South Sacramento – rates far below the native born (83 percent) yet higher than the average rate for unauthorized adults in the county (47 percent). The most common type of medical insurance coverage is employer sponsored, but still, only 17 percent of the unauthorized have coverage through employers, compared to over one-half of the native born and almost one-quarter of the unauthorized in the county.

TOTAL POPULATION	77,323		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	18,895	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	58,849	76%	U.S.-born	17,390	92%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	18,474	24%	Immigrant	1,505	8%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	8,629	11%	Unauthorized Immigrant	779	4%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	5,300	7%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	8,403	47%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	4,545	6%	of those children, share U.S.-born	6,955	83%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	39,522	51%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	2,762	15%
U.S.-born	30,206	51%	of those children, share U.S.-born	1,926	70%
Immigrant	9,316	50%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	8,615	48%
Naturalized Immigrant	4,668	54%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	4,219	39%
Authorized Immigrant	2,483	47%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	4,845	58%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,165	48%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	1,962	46%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	1,761	60%
White, Non-Latino	28,161	36%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	2,115	77%
Latino (Any Race)	21,437	28%			
Asian, Non-Latino	13,265	17%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	4,545	6%
Black, Non-Latino	8,741	11%	Top Five Countries of Origin	4,086	90%
Other, Non-Latino	5,719	7%	Mexico	3,347	74%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	65,165	90%	Vietnam	303	7%
Immigrant	11,474	63%	Philippines	173	4%
Naturalized Immigrant	6,114	72%	Guatemala	155	3%
Authorized Immigrant	3,272	62%	Korea	108	2%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,088	46%	Female	2,165	48%
Homeownership	15,052	52%	Ethno-Racial Group		
U.S.-born	11,553	54%	Latino (Any Race)	3,514	77%
Immigrant	3,499	46%	Asian, Non-Latino	810	18%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,645	60%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	221	5%
Authorized Immigrant	597	33%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Unauthorized Immigrant	257	20%	Age	29 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	27,425	36%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
U.S.-born	19,412	33%	Years Residing in the USA	8 yrs.	
Immigrant	8,013	43%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	2,733	75%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,516	29%	Male Participation	1,917	93%
Authorized Immigrant	2,919	55%	of which, share employed	1,655	86%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,578	57%	of employed, share full-time	1,185	72%
			Female Participation	816	51%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			of which, share employed	707	87%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	31,442	78%	of employed, share full-time	276	39%
U.S.-born	22,756	83%	Top 5 Industries	1,999	85%
Immigrant	8,686	67%	Food & Recreational Services	735	31%
Naturalized Immigrant	4,552	71%	Construction	431	18%
Authorized Immigrant	2,477	69%	Business Services	378	16%
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,657	54%	Retail Trade	294	12%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	19,600	48%	Manufacturing	161	7%
U.S.-born	15,099	55%	Top 5 Occupations	2,194	93%
Immigrant	4,501	35%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	1,095	46%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,926	46%	Precision, Craft & Repair	423	18%
Authorized Immigrant	1,057	30%	Construction	321	14%
Unauthorized Immigrant	518	17%	Sales	182	8%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	6,214	15%	Transportation & Material Moving	173	7%
U.S.-born	3,078	11%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$20,000	
Immigrant	3,136	24%	Male	\$21,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	872	14%	Female	\$9,000	
Authorized Immigrant	1,212	34%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$12,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,052	34%	Male	\$13,200	
			Female	\$8,000	

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TOTAL POPULATION	1,408,824		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	362,131	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	1,100,051	78%	U.S.-born	337,806	93%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	308,773	22%	Immigrant	24,325	7%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	165,918	12%	Unauthorized Immigrant	9,258	3%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	81,580	6%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	143,828	41%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	61,275	4%	of those children, share U.S.-born	121,408	84%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	724,435	51%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	39,453	11%
U.S.-born	564,379	51%	of those children, share U.S.-born	29,277	74%
Immigrant	160,056	52%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	125,669	36%
Naturalized Immigrant	89,646	54%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	69,288	30%
Authorized Immigrant	41,960	51%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	62,288	44%
Unauthorized Immigrant	28,450	46%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	24,831	30%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	22,525	50%
White, Non-Latino	680,625	48%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	26,018	66%
Latino (Any Race)	301,426	21%			
Asian, Non-Latino	206,532	15%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	61,275	4%
Black, Non-Latino	132,310	9%	Top Five Countries of Origin	47,327	77%
Other, Non-Latino	87,931	6%	Mexico	38,174	62%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	1,210,242	92%	Philippines	2,957	5%
Immigrant	214,998	70%	Ukraine	2,697	4%
Naturalized Immigrant	132,992	81%	Vietnam	1,896	3%
Authorized Immigrant	52,176	64%	India	1,603	3%
Unauthorized Immigrant	29,830	49%	Female	28,450	46%
Homeownership	295,840	57%	Ethno-Racial Group		
U.S.-born	231,270	58%	Latino (Any Race)	42,093	69%
Immigrant	64,570	53%	Asian, Non-Latino	10,672	17%
Naturalized Immigrant	49,866	65%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	8,510	14%
Authorized Immigrant	11,156	39%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Unauthorized Immigrant	3,548	22%	Age	30 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	376,785	27%	Age First Arrived in Country	20 yrs.	
U.S.-born	269,881	25%	Years Residing in the USA	8 yrs.	
Immigrant	106,904	35%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	37,740	74%
Naturalized Immigrant	38,578	23%	Male Participation	25,285	92%
Authorized Immigrant	34,501	42%	of which, share employed	21,681	86%
Unauthorized Immigrant	33,825	55%	of employed, share full-time	16,720	77%
			Female Participation	12,455	53%
			of which, share employed	10,724	86%
			of employed, share full-time	6,020	56%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			Top 5 Industries	24,251	75%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	613,376	82%	Food & Recreational Services	6,865	21%
U.S.-born	455,876	86%	Business Services	5,677	18%
Immigrant	157,500	72%	Construction	5,674	18%
Naturalized Immigrant	99,308	82%	Retail Trade	3,332	10%
Authorized Immigrant	38,318	67%	"Other" Services	2,703	8%
Unauthorized Immigrant	19,874	47%	Top 5 Occupations	26,648	82%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	417,037	56%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	13,562	42%
U.S.-born	318,105	60%	Construction	5,481	17%
Immigrant	98,932	45%	Precision, Craft & Repair	3,289	10%
Naturalized Immigrant	67,632	56%	Transportation & Material Moving	2,539	8%
Authorized Immigrant	21,448	38%	Sales	1,777	5%
Unauthorized Immigrant	9,852	23%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$20,800	
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	80,264	11%	Male	\$22,000	
U.S.-born	46,805	9%	Female	\$19,200	
Immigrant	33,459	15%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$10,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	13,660	11%	Male	\$10,000	
Authorized Immigrant	11,537	20%	Female	\$10,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	8,262	19%			

Notes

¹ Virtually all U.S.-born respondents in the ACS either report speaking English very well or speak no other language but English at home.

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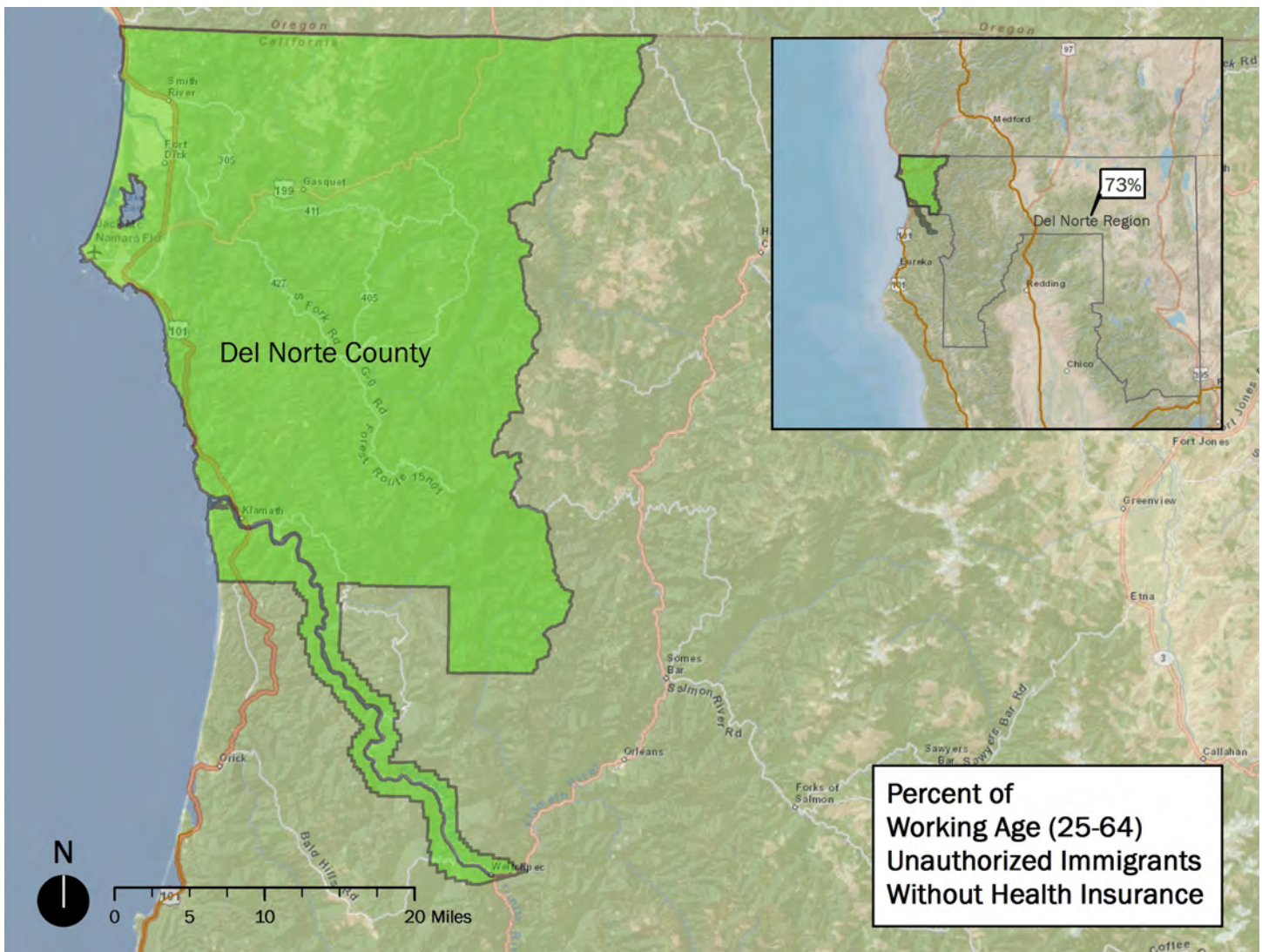
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Why is this fact sheet important?

Del Norte County is one of 14 sites supported by The California Endowment under its Building Healthy Communities (BHC) initiative. While BHC is focused on the broad social determinants of health – including improved land use, access to healthy food, and youth development – one key challenge for many residents of the BHC communities is access to medical insurance. This is especially true for unauthorized immigrants who are explicitly excluded from the insurance exchanges and Medi-Cal insurance expansion of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). While insurance coverage is a key issue for unauthorized immigrants, there is also evidence that maintaining a large population of uninsured residents harms others in terms of both economic and community health – thus, it matters for all Californians.

How many unauthorized immigrants live here?

We estimate that unauthorized immigrants represent one percent of Del Norte County's estimated 25,000 residents, similar to the Del Norte Region. Furthermore, an estimated three percent of all children (96 percent of whom are U.S. citizens) residing in Del Norte County have at least one unauthorized parent. This is a much lower presence of the unauthorized than in any other BHC site and, indeed, the data for the unauthorized in this BHC site is based on such a small sample that the numbers here are not as reliable as they are in other BHC sites. For that reason, we offer data below that draws on the broader seven county region of which Del Norte County is a part.

How do the unauthorized fare economically and socially?

Unauthorized immigrants in the broader Del Norte region (and presumably Del Norte itself) are often deeply rooted in their communities; about half have resided for more than a decade (11 years) in the United States. In the larger seven-county region, the poverty rate for unauthorized immigrants is almost 30 percent higher than that of the native born. Also, over one-half of the unauthorized who are at least five years old do not speak English well, often limiting their social and economic status. For example, the unauthorized are often working and poor – those who work full-time but toil in low-wage industries and occupations with limited chances of economic mobility and often with limited access to employer-based health insurance.

How does the unauthorized population in this BHC site compare to the broader Del Norte Region?

As indicated above, this site is different than virtually all the other BHC sites: the sample size of the unauthorized population is small and so it is difficult to compare the site itself to the broader (in this case, multi-county) region in which it is situated. However, the broader regional data suggest very high rates of male labor force participation (91 percent), a significant presence in agriculture and food and recreational services (50 percent of the unauthorized workforce), and earnings that, at \$24,000 for a year-round full-time worker, compare well to earnings in other more rural BHC locations (such as South Kern or East Merced, and the counties of which they are a part).

What is the state of health insurance coverage among unauthorized immigrants here?

To profile the relative access to medical insurance of the unauthorized, we estimate the percentage of residents age 25-64 years old with any type of insurance (for example, employer-sponsored, Medi-Cal, military) by nativity and legal status. This age range is chosen for comparison because it is conventional – specifically, those under 25 years of age are more likely to be covered by their parents and those older than 64 qualify for Medicare. Again, drawing in this case on the data from the larger seven-county region, we find that unauthorized immigrants have very low medical insurance coverage: only around 27 percent of this working age population is covered – rates far below the native born (81 percent). The most common type of medical insurance coverage is employer sponsored, but still, only 17 percent of the unauthorized have coverage through employers.

TOTAL POPULATION	24,513		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	6,174	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	22,912	93%	U.S.-born	6,076	98%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	1,601	7%	Immigrant	98	2%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	857	3%	Unauthorized Immigrant	15	0%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	430	2%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	657	11%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	314	1%	of those children, share U.S.-born	586	89%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	11,848	48%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	159	3%
U.S.-born	10,861	47%	of those children, share U.S.-born	153	96%
Immigrant	987	62%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	2,852	50%
Naturalized Immigrant	564	66%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	2,636	49%
Authorized Immigrant	240	56%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	355	54%
Unauthorized Immigrant	183	58%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	88	28%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	110	60%
White, Non-Latino	19,123	78%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	159	100%
Latino (Any Race)	2,846	12%			
Asian, Non-Latino	391	2%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	314	1%
Black, Non-Latino	242	1%	Top Three Countries of Origin	314	100%
Other, Non-Latino	1,911	8%	Mexico	296	94%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	22,734	99%	Russia	9	3%
Immigrant	1,334	83%	Korea	9	3%
Naturalized Immigrant	787	92%	Female	183	58%
Authorized Immigrant	394	92%	Ethno-Racial Group		
Unauthorized Immigrant	153	49%	Latino (Any Race)	296	94%
Homeownership	6,366	62%	Asian, Non-Latino	9	3%
U.S.-born	6,121	62%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	9	3%
Immigrant	245	55%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Naturalized Immigrant	114	68%	Age	38 yrs.	
Authorized Immigrant	73	42%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
Unauthorized Immigrant	58	56%	Years Residing in the USA	13 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	7,665	31%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	257	91%
U.S.-born	7,120	31%	Male Participation	131	100%
Immigrant	545	34%	of which, share employed	129	98%
Naturalized Immigrant	221	26%	of employed, share full-time	129	100%
Authorized Immigrant	159	37%	Female Participation	126	100%
Unauthorized Immigrant	165	53%	of which, share employed	83	66%
			of employed, share full-time	34	41%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			Top 5 Industries	212	100%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	10,334	83%	Business Services	86	41%
U.S.-born	9,378	83%	Manufacturing	43	20%
Immigrant	956	79%	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	31	15%
Naturalized Immigrant	556	91%	Food & Recreational Services	30	14%
Authorized Immigrant	239	76%	Community Services	22	10%
Unauthorized Immigrant	161	57%	Top 5 Occupations	212	100%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	5,743	46%	Professional & Speciality	86	41%
U.S.-born	5,162	46%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	52	25%
Immigrant	581	48%	Administrative Support & Clerical	34	16%
Naturalized Immigrant	310	51%	Farming, Forestry & Fishing	31	15%
Authorized Immigrant	140	45%	Precision, Craft & Repair	9	4%
Unauthorized Immigrant	131	47%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$32,000	
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	1,489	12%	Male	\$32,000	
U.S.-born	1,396	12%	Female	\$22,000	
Immigrant	93	8%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$12,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	46	8%	Male	\$0	
Authorized Immigrant	17	5%	Female	\$12,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	30	11%			

Notes

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TOTAL POPULATION	141,862		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	31,379	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	132,661	94%	U.S.-born	30,834	98%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	9,201	6%	Immigrant	545	2%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	4,589	3%	Unauthorized Immigrant	211	1%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	2,626	2%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	5,067	17%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	1,986	1%	of those children, share U.S.-born	4,635	91%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	71,150	50%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	1,784	6%
U.S.-born	66,066	50%	of those children, share U.S.-born	1,570	88%
Immigrant	5,084	55%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	12,346	42%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,577	56%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	10,764	41%
Authorized Immigrant	1,493	57%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	2,511	50%
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,014	51%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	728	31%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	866	54%
White, Non-Latino	111,212	78%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	1,223	69%
Latino (Any Race)	17,329	12%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	1,986	1%
Asian, Non-Latino	1,955	1%	Top Five Countries of Origin	1,934	97%
Black, Non-Latino	1,364	1%	Mexico	1,765	89%
Other, Non-Latino	10,002	7%	El Salvador	79	4%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	130,824	98%	Korea	39	2%
Immigrant	6,865	75%	Switzerland	30	2%
Naturalized Immigrant	4,221	92%	Honduras	21	1%
Authorized Immigrant	1,845	70%	Female	1,014	51%
Unauthorized Immigrant	799	40%	Ethno-Racial Group		
Homeownership	39,132	66%	Latino (Any Race)	1,884	95%
U.S.-born	36,742	66%	Asian, Non-Latino	47	2%
Immigrant	2,390	61%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	55	3%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,632	77%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Authorized Immigrant	572	49%	Age	33 yrs.	
Unauthorized Immigrant	186	30%	Age First Arrived in Country	23 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	42,058	30%	Years Residing in the USA	11 yrs.	
U.S.-born	38,882	29%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	1,357	79%
Immigrant	3,176	35%	Male Participation	750	91%
Naturalized Immigrant	949	21%	of which, share employed	608	81%
Authorized Immigrant	1,084	41%	of employed, share full-time	565	93%
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,143	58%	Female Participation	607	68%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			of which, share employed	481	79%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	59,451	80%	of employed, share full-time	339	70%
U.S.-born	55,071	81%	Top 5 Industries	931	85%
Immigrant	4,380	62%	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	291	27%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,734	81%	Food & Recreational Services	254	23%
Authorized Immigrant	1,210	59%	Manufacturing	148	14%
Unauthorized Immigrant	436	27%	Retail Trade	135	12%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	31,959	43%	Business Services	103	9%
U.S.-born	29,396	43%	Top 5 Occupations	871	80%
Immigrant	2,563	37%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	345	32%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,682	50%	Farming, Forestry & Fishing	242	22%
Authorized Immigrant	605	30%	Precision, Craft & Repair	121	11%
Unauthorized Immigrant	276	17%	Professional & Speciality	86	8%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	8,941	12%	Technicians & Related Support	77	7%
U.S.-born	8,278	12%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$24,000	
Immigrant	663	9%	Male	\$25,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	295	9%	Female	\$22,000	
Authorized Immigrant	251	12%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$6,200	
Unauthorized Immigrant	117	7%	Male	\$5,000	
			Female	\$6,200	

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