

Understanding Undocumented Communities

The undocumented community is not a monolithic group; the people commonly referred to as undocumented range in nationalities, races, religions, socioeconomic status and ages of arrival to the US all contributing to vastly different circumstances, opportunities and experiences.

Undocumented Immigrant Community

52% Mexican, 25% other Latin Am., 13% Asian, 5% European, 2% African [1]

State of California

2.35 million, 6% of Californians [2]

The President elect can more easily and directly affect Federal than State level policies and so most of these programs are safe.

AB 540 & AB2000

38 thousand, 1-2% of all college students [4]

- CA resident status is **NOT** afforded but rather an **exemption** from paying out of state tuition
- Based on (1) California HS attendance and graduation, or (2) California K-12 attendance and California equivalent HS academic attainment and other requirements met

Out of State Tuition

Those that don't qualify for AB540 must pay out of state tuition.

California Drivers License (AB 60)

In California, Legal status is not required to obtain a DL

CA Dream Act (AB 130 & AB 131)

20 thousand applied in 2013

- Must meet AB 540 req., reg. for Selective Services, be at least part time, have satisfactory academic progress and not be over 150% of units
- Allows for state/private funded scholarships
- Allows for applying for and receive state-funded financial aid (BOG Waiver, Cal Grant, etc.)

Dream Loans (SB 1210)

A subsidized loan program

Out of Pocket

Those that don't meet AB540 &/or CA Dream Act req. must finance their educational costs out of pocket.

Federal Government

11.1 million, 3.45% of U.S. Population [2]

The undocumented community is **NOT** eligible for federal programs such as the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), FAFSA, Medicaid, Food Stamps, etc.

DACA

1.3-1.7 million eligible | .82 million applied & .728 million have received it [3]

- Renewal every 2 years at a cost of \$465 (\$495 after Dec 23rd, 2016)
- Protection from deportation
- Allowed to freely travel within the United States

Employment Authorization Doc

Filed along with DACA app.

- SSN (for work purposes only)
- Work permit for 2 years pending renewal

Not DACAmended

In general terms, there is no other legal recourse for those who do not qualify to DACA to normalize their status

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2. www.pewhispanic.org/interactives/unauthorized-immigrants/

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