

12.2M

Undocumented immigrants in the U.S.

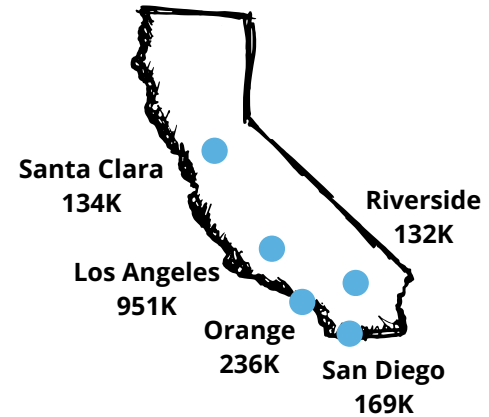
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Undocumented immigrants in CA

19%

of all Undocumented residents reside in CA

Unauthorized Residents by County



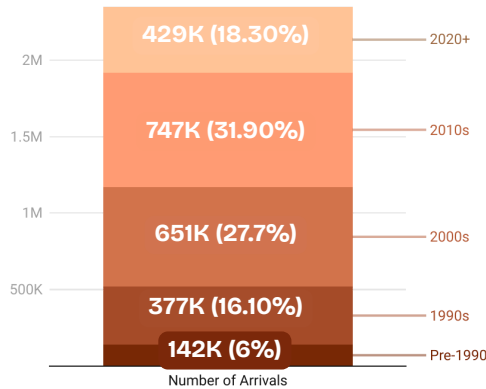
Top Countries of Origin:

- Mexico: **1.2M** (52%)
- Guatemala: **183K** (7.8%)
- El Salvador: **169K** (7.2%)
- India: **140K** (6%)
- China: **137K** (5.9%)

Race by Ethnicity:

- Hispanic: **1.7M** (73.8%)
- Asian American non-Hispanic: **463K** (19.7%)
- White non-Hispanic: **99K** (4.2%)
- Other non-Hispanic: **33K** (1.4%)
- Black non-Hispanic: **17K** (0.8%)

Immigrant Arrivals in California by Entry Period



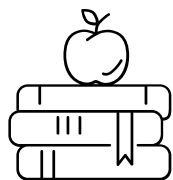
- **Children with undocumented parents:** An estimated **1 in 10** children in California (**1,074,000**) have at least one undocumented parent
- **Youth population:** **445,700 (19%)** are aged 24 years or younger
- **DACA recipients:** **28%** of all Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients live in California
- **Long-term residents:** **Over one-third (35%)** of California's undocumented population have lived in the state for 20 years or more

Education Enrollment & Attainment

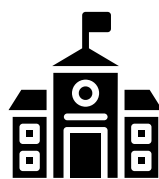
California enrolls the most undocumented students in higher education (**102,938**) in the country.

- Migration Policy Institute reports that **133,000 (92%)** undocumented children (ages 3–17) are enrolled in K–12 schools
- FWD.us estimates that **14K** undocumented students graduate high school each year
- The Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration reports that **13%** of undocumented students are enrolled in graduate school

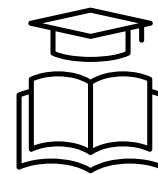
Postsecondary Enrollment by Institution Type



900K (43%) of undocumented adults (age 18 and older) have not completed high school



1.21M (57%) have earned a high school diploma



693K (33%) have attended some college



427K (20.3%) have attained a bachelor's degree or higher

Workforce & Employment

8.1M

Undocumented immigrants in the U.S. workforce

1.6M

Undocumented immigrants in CA workforce

78%

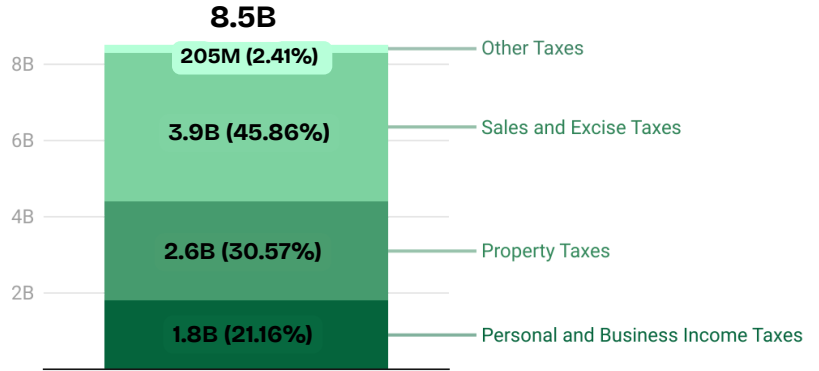
of undocumented immigrants (over 16) are in CA workforce, excluding students and seniors

Undocumented Immigrants' Highest Workforce Representation by State

1. Nevada (9%)
2. Florida (9%)
3. New Jersey (9%)
4. Texas (9%)
5. **California (8%)**

National Percentage of Workforce: 5.6%

Contributions to California State and Local Taxes



Top 5 Occupations Undocumented Men in CA

1. Agricultural workers: **8.4%** | Median Income: **\$25,569**
2. Construction workers: **7.8%** | Median Income: **\$28,488**
3. Landscaping: **5.3%** | Median Income: **\$21,582**
4. Cooks: **4.6%** | Median Income: **\$25,569**
5. Truck drivers: **3.8%** | Median Income: **\$36,652**

Top 5 Occupations Undocumented Women in CA

1. Maids/Housekeeping: **10.3%** | Median Income: **\$18,218**
2. Agricultural workers: **5.8%** | Median Income: **\$20,362**
3. Cooks: **4.4%** | Median Income: **\$22,527**
4. Cashiers: **4.2%** | Median Income: **\$20,859**
5. Janitors: **3.8%** | Median Income: **\$23,740**

Socioeconomic Inequities

\$30

U.S. born workers median hourly wage in CA

\$28

Naturalized workers median hourly wage in CA

\$24

Lawful permanent residents median hourly wage in CA

\$16

Undocumented immigrant median hourly wage in CA

Wage Gaps: Undocumented women earn **\$0.44–\$0.52** and undocumented men earn **\$0.83–\$0.87** for every \$1 earned by white men, underscoring both racial and gender wage inequities.



Digital Divide: Among low-income children in immigrant families, **20%** lack internet access and **36%** lack a computer or laptop, compared with **12%** and **28%** of children with U.S.-born parents.



Poverty: The poverty rate in California is highest among mixed-status families at **30%**, followed by undocumented immigrants at **36%**, foreign-born residents at **22%**, and U.S.-born residents at **15%**.



Housing Insecurity: Among non-citizen children with only non-U.S. citizen parents, **55%** live in households burdened by housing and utility costs, and **77%** live in families that do not own their home.



Health Coverage Gap: Nearly **65%** of undocumented Californians (ages 0–64), about **1.27M** people, are uninsured.

Sources: California Immigrant Data Portal, (2021); Center for Migration Studies (2023); FWS.US (2025); Gender Equity Policy Institute (2022); Hubbard (2023); Kitson (2024); Migration Policy Institute (2019); Passel & Krogstad (2025); Public Policy Institute of California, 2025; Reyes-Velarde (2023); The Children's Partnership (2024); The Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration (2025); United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (2023); U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2021)