The High Stake in Immigration Reform for Our Communities | Silicon Valley

**How many and who is affected?**

**There are 174,000 undocumented Californians in the Silicon Valley.**  
That’s 7% of residents, 8% of adults, and 8% of the workforce.

**Nearly 1 in 7 of all Silicon Valley kids have at least one undocumented parent.**  
77% of kids with an undocumented parent are citizens – that’s 62,000 children or 10% of the region’s kids.

**How will the economic impact be good for the Silicon Valley’s economy?**

**Authorization with a roadmap to citizenship would bring a $383-$663 million boost in the annual income of the currently undocumented.**

This will result in, for example, more clothes for the kids, higher end purchases at the grocery store, and eventual home purchases. Lower-income undocumented Californians will cause these ripple effects that grow local economies because they are more likely to spend than save.

**Authorization with a roadmap to citizenship would yield a 14-25% boost in income.**

Boosts are based on studies that take into consideration other factors influencing income gains.

**This would benefit the Silicon Valley’s kids since 47% of kids with an undocumented parent live in poverty.**

This is compared to the 13% poverty rate for kids with US-born parents in the Silicon Valley.

**Why does citizenship matter?**

**Citizen immigrants often outperform other immigrants and the US-born.**

Statewide and regional bodies on integration will be needed to increase naturalization, among other things.

**What should happen the day after reform?**

**Resources for immigrant integration need to be included in reform and should be targeted to areas that will make immigrants more productive:**

- English Language Instruction: Only 49% speak English well but there is a great desire to learn.
- Health Insurance: Only 56% of working-age undocumented immigrants have health insurance.
- Adult Education: 54% of the undocumented are in need of high school education and beyond.

Getting reform right will help us get the Silicon Valley’s future right.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

Despite the high tech industry, about 3 in 4 undocumented have not moved beyond a high school education.

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