UNAUTHORIZED & UNINSURED:
Medical Insurance Coverage in the California Endowment’s (TCE’s) Building Healthy Communities’ (BHC) Sites

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WELCOME AND PURPOSE

New estimates of the number & characteristics of unauthorized immigrants’ and others’ medical insurance coverage in California

I. Project Background & Overview
II. Research Methodology
III. Results: The 14 BHC sites
IV. A Closer Look at Three BHC Sites
V. Additional Information
VI. Discussion & Next Steps

Take-away product: 15 “fact sheets” providing profiles of the unauthorized and uninsured in each of the BHC neighborhoods, surrounding counties & the state
I. Project Background & Overview

Project Background

- Large insurance coverage gap between unauthorized immigrants (45%) and other Californians (85%)
- Unauthorized immigrants are the only population group excluded from the 2010 Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- Extending coverage to unauthorized immigrants not only benefits their own health and financial well-being, but also that of other Californians
- A majority California residents (58%) & registered voters (55%) agree with state-level policies addressing the needs of unauthorized immigrants
II. Research Methodology

METHODOLOGY

Data for Legal Status Assignment:

- **Legal Status Imputation**: 2001 & 2012 “Los Angeles County Mexican Immigrant Health & Legal Status Survey” (LAC-MIHLSS)
- **Other Characteristics**: 2008-2012 “American Community Survey” (ACS) for California
- **Geographic Scale**: State, County & BHC sites in California


**METHODOLOGY**

Comparison’s to other reputable estimates:

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<tr>
<th>Total Population of Unauthorized Immigrants</th>
<th>SDSU-CSII</th>
<th>MPI</th>
<th>CHIS*</th>
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<td>Los Angeles County</td>
<td>908,047</td>
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<td>243,593</td>
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<td>76,533</td>
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<td>San Diego County</td>
<td>181,521</td>
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<td>Riverside County</td>
<td>145,709</td>
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<td>24,290</td>
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* Adjusted by the factor to line up CHIS state total with general estimates of MPI, Pew, OIS, and others

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**III. Results**

The 14 BHC Sites & California
CHILDREN with UNAUTHORIZED PARENT by BHC Site

INSURANCE COVERAGE by Type: US-born, 25-64 years old
INSURANCE COVERAGE by Type: Unauthorized, 25-64 years old

HAS LOW-INCOME GOVT. INSURANCE/ASSISTANCE – UNAUTHORIZED
# Poverty (Family Income <150% of Threshold): US-born & Unauthorized

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<th>Location</th>
<th>US-born Residents</th>
<th>Unauthorized</th>
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<td>Contra Costa &amp; SF</td>
<td>47%</td>
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<td>South LA-Long Beach</td>
<td>60%</td>
<td>53%</td>
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<td>City Heights</td>
<td>53%</td>
<td>55%</td>
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<td>South Bakersfield</td>
<td>51%</td>
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<td>Eagle Rock/Sparks</td>
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<td>East &amp; SE Moreno</td>
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<td>South Hawthorne</td>
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<td>Alba Seco</td>
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## IV. Results

A Closer Look at Three BHC Sites
CHILDREN RESIDING with ≥ One Unauthorized Parent by Nativity

- East Coachella Valley: 35% (Children Residing with ≥ One Unauthorized Parent), 76% (Of Those Children, Those Who are US-born)
- South Los Angeles: 40% (Children Residing with ≥ One Unauthorized Parent), 89% (Of Those Children, Those Who are US-born)
- Richmond: 36% (Children Residing with ≥ One Unauthorized Parent), 78% (Of Those Children, Those Who are US-born)

CHILD POVERTY (Family Income <150% of Threshold)

- East Coachella Valley: 35% (Children Residing with ≥1 US-born Parent), 64% (Children who reside with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent)
- South Los Angeles: 63% (Children Residing with ≥1 US-born Parent), 82% (Children who reside with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent)
- Richmond: 37% (Children Residing with ≥1 US-born Parent), 66% (Children who reside with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent)
HOMEOWNERSHIP RATE

SPEAK ENGLISH WELL (among those ≥ 5 years old)
TOP 5 INDUSTRIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANTS:

EAST COACHELLA VALLEY (Riverside County)

- Food & Recreational Services: 34%
- Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing: 23%
- Construction: 16%
- Business Services: 11%
- Retail Trade: 10%

TOP 5 INDUSTRIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANTS:

SOUTH LOS ANGELES (L.A. County)

- Manufacturing: 24%
- Construction: 15%
- Retail Trade: 12%
- "Other" Services: 11%
- Food & Recreational Services: 9%
TOP 5 INDUSTRIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANTS:

RICHMOND (Contra Costa County)

- Business Services: 25%
- Construction: 19%
- Food & Recreational Services: 16%
- "Other" Services: 9%
- Transportation, etc.: 6%

TOP 5 OCCUPATIONS FOR UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANTS:

EAST COACHELLA VALLEY (Riverside County)

- Food, Health, Protective & Other Service: 40%
- Farming, Forestry & Fishing: 20%
- Construction: 18%
- Precision, Craft & Repair: 0%
- Technicians & Related Support: 0%
TOP 5 OCCUPATIONS FOR UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANTS:

SOUTH LOS ANGELES (L.A. County)

- Precision, Craft & Repair: 20%
- Food, Health, Protective & Other Service: 21%
- Construction: 16%
- Transportation & Material Moving: 12%
- Sales: 11%

TOP 5 OCCUPATIONS FOR UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANTS:

RICHMOND (Contra Costa County)

- Food, Health, Protective & Other Service: 43%
- Construction: 20%
- Precision, Craft & Repair: 12%
- Executive, Administrative & Managerial: 6%
- Transportation & Material Moving: 6%
V. Additional Information

Insurance Coverage & Unmet Medical Care Need by Legal Status among Foreign-born Mexicans, 25-64 Years Old: Los Angeles County, 2012
Usual Source of Medical Care by Legal Status among Foreign-born Mexicans, 25-64 Years Old: Los Angeles County, 2012

- HMO, PPO or Private Doctor: 49% Authorized, 14% Unauthorized
- Emergency Department: 8% Authorized, 18% Unauthorized
- Community or Health Center: 35% Authorized, 51% Unauthorized

“Very Good” or “Excellent” Self-Rated Health by Insurance Coverage & Legal Status among Foreign-born Mexicans, 25-64 Years Old: Los Angeles County, 2012

- Authorized:
  - Insured: 23%
  - Not Insured: 32%
- Unauthorized:
  - Insured: 11%
  - Not Insured: 18%
- All:
  - Insured: 42%
  - Not Insured: 37%
“Very Good” or “Excellent” Self-Rated Health by Medical Care Type & Legal Status, Foreign-born Mexicans, 25-64 Years: L.A. County, 2012

![Bar chart](image)

**EXECUTIVE ACTION & CALIFORNIA**

Who Might Benefit in California From Deferred Action for Parents (DAPA) and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA & DACA-Plus)

- Parents that will be eligible under deferred action because of citizen and LPR children
- Previously immediately DACA-eligible
- Newly DACA-eligible with different age and year of arrival benchmarks

Preliminary Estimates
EXECUTIVE ACTION & CALIFORNIA

Parents that will be eligible under deferred action (DAPA) because of citizen and LPR children

- Alameda County: 29,000
- Contra Costa County: 23,000
- Fresno County: 28,000
- Kern County: 29,000
- Los Angeles County: 28,000
- Orange County: 313,000
- Riverside County: 88,000
- San Bernardino County: 59,000
- San Diego County: 100,000
- Santa Clara County: 150,000

EXECUTIVE ACTION & BHC SITES

Parents that will be eligible under deferred action (DAPA) because of citizen and LPR children

- Boyle Heights: 3,200
- Central Long Beach: 3,200
- Central Santa Ana: 5,700
- City Heights: 2,600
- East Oakland: 4,300
- East Salinas: 2,700
- Richmond: 2,000
- South LA: 4,900
- South Kern County: 2,200
THANK YOU

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

VI. Discussion and Next Steps
THANKS!

Especially to our funders and community partners:

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- The UC Institute for Labor & Employment (UC ILE)
- The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)

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