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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

Two Sources: Marcelli, Enrico A. 2014. "The Community-based Migrant Household Probability Sample Survey," In Marc B. Schenker, Xochitl Castañada, and Alfonso Rodriguez Lainz, Eds., *Migration and Health Research Methodologies: A Handbook for the Study of Migrant Populations*. Berkeley and Los Angeles, CA: University of California Press: 111-140. Pastor Jr., Manuel and Enrico A. Marcelli. 2013. *What's at Stake for the State: Undocumented Californians, Immigration Reform, and Our Future Together*. Los Angeles, CA: USC Center for the Study of Immigrant Integrtion.

METHODOLOGY

Comparison's to other reputable estimates:

Total Population of Unauthorized Immigrants

	SDSU-CSII	MPI	CHIS*
Los Angeles County	908,047	979,000	915,028
Orange County	243,593	313,000	249,159
Fresno County	76,533	75,000	89,485
San Diego County	181,521	181,000	183,063
Riverside County	145,709	150,000	142,868
Alameda County	97,706	88,000	66,426
Contra Costa County	60,682	54,000	50,067
Kern County	66,499	66,000	61,966
Sacramento County	61,275	56,000	27,828
Merced County	24,290	25,000	16,933

* Adjusted by the factor to line up CHIS state total with general estimates of MPI, Pew, OIS, and others

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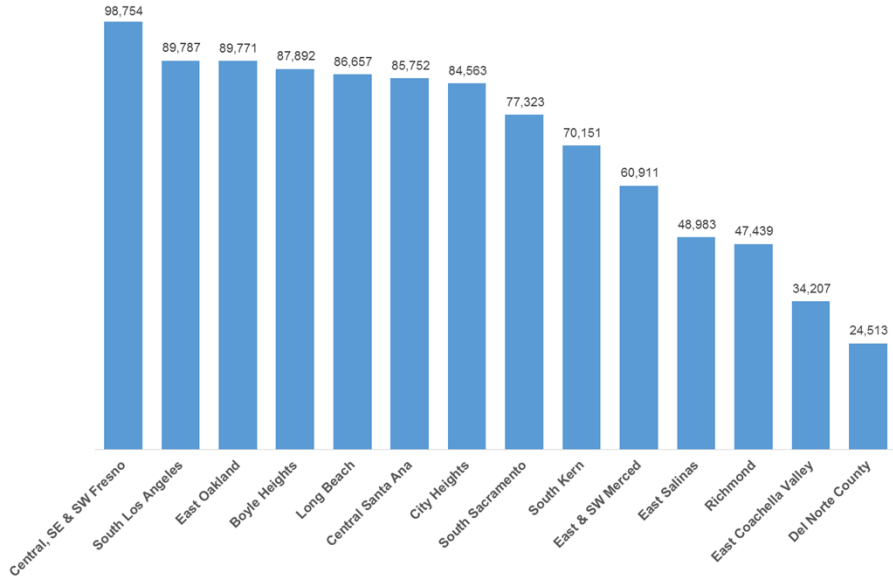
III. Results

The 14 BHC Sites & California

TOTAL POPULATION by BHC Site



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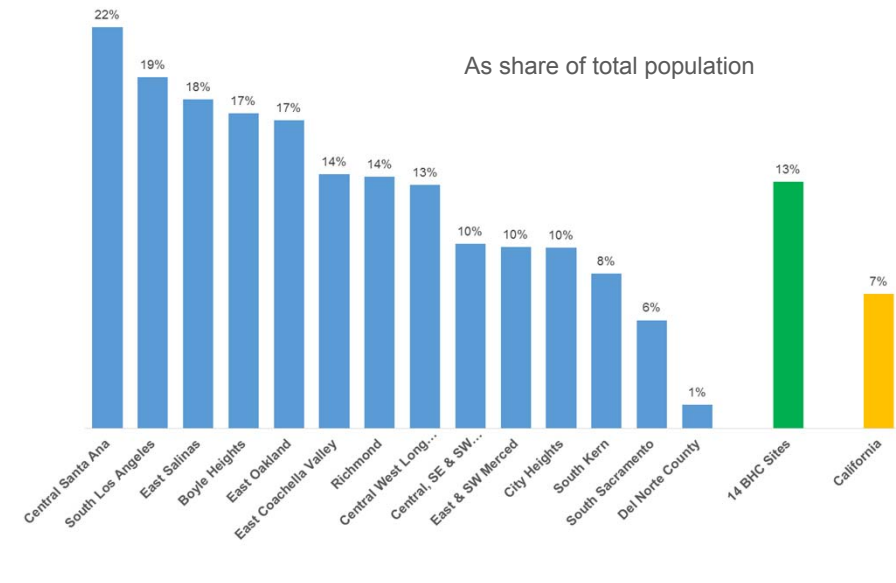
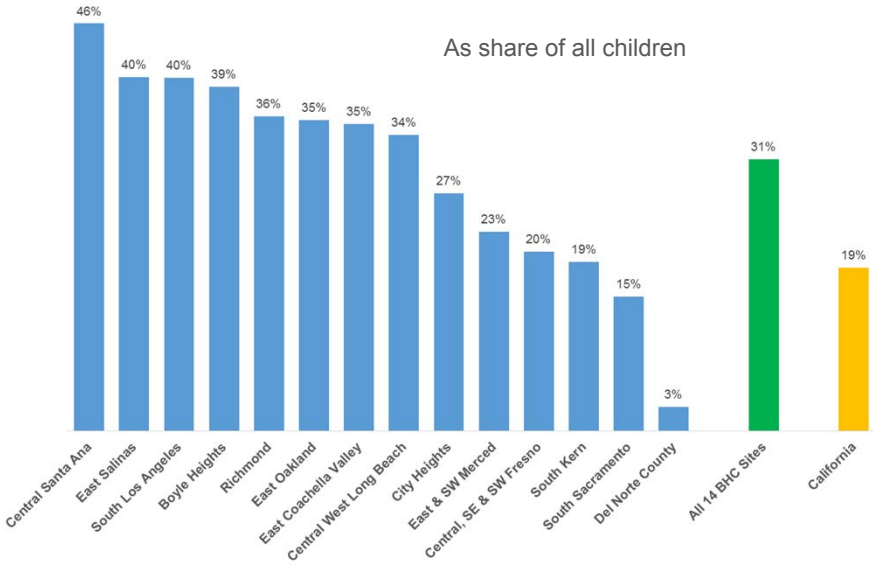


CHILDREN with UNAUTHORIZED PARENT by BHC Site



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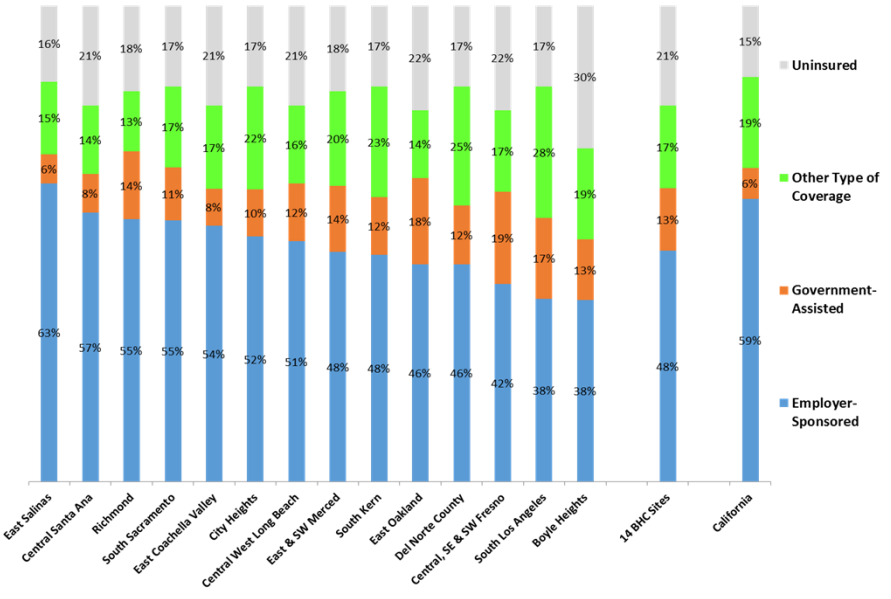

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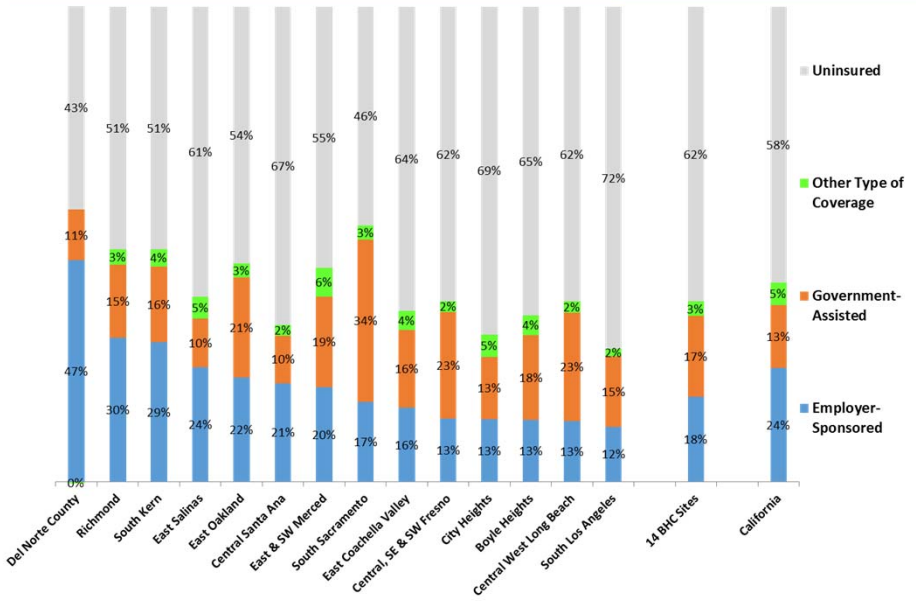

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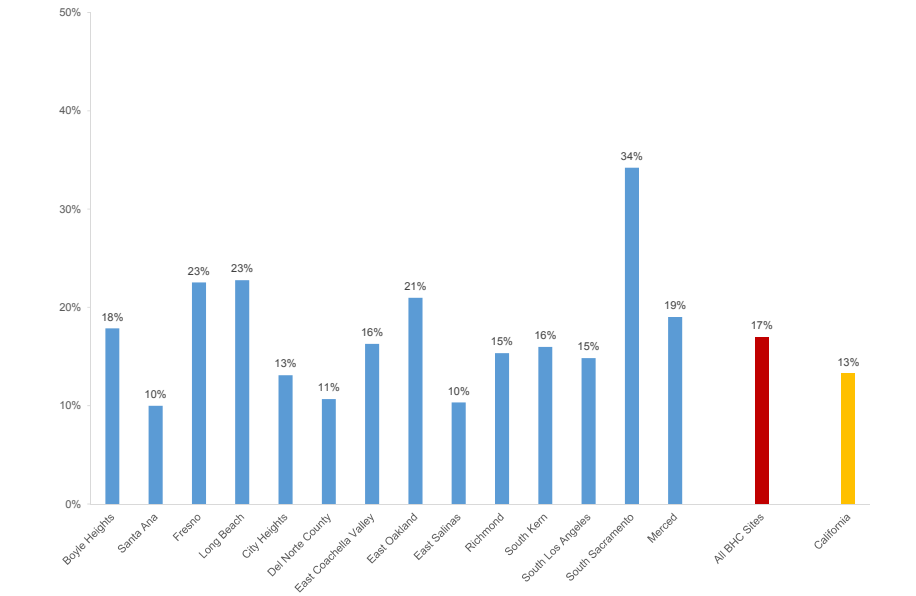

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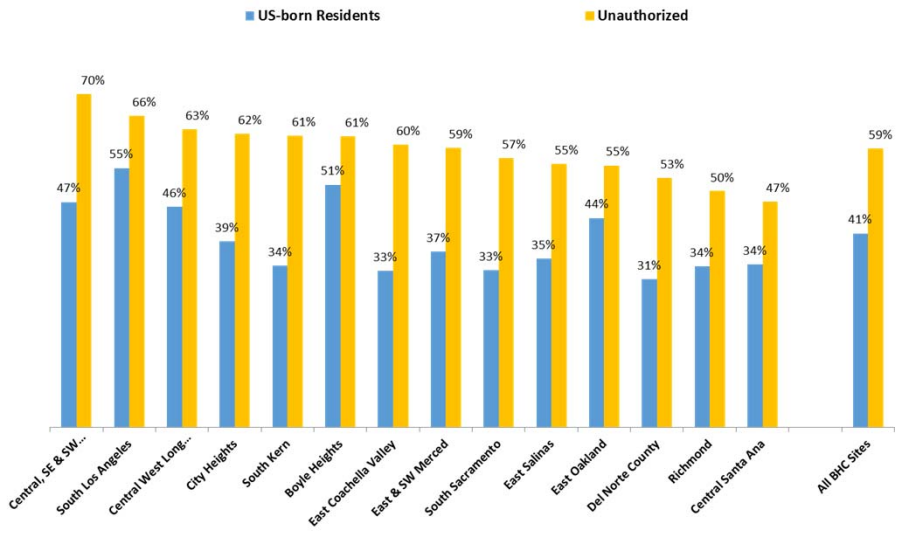

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A Closer Look at Three BHC Sites

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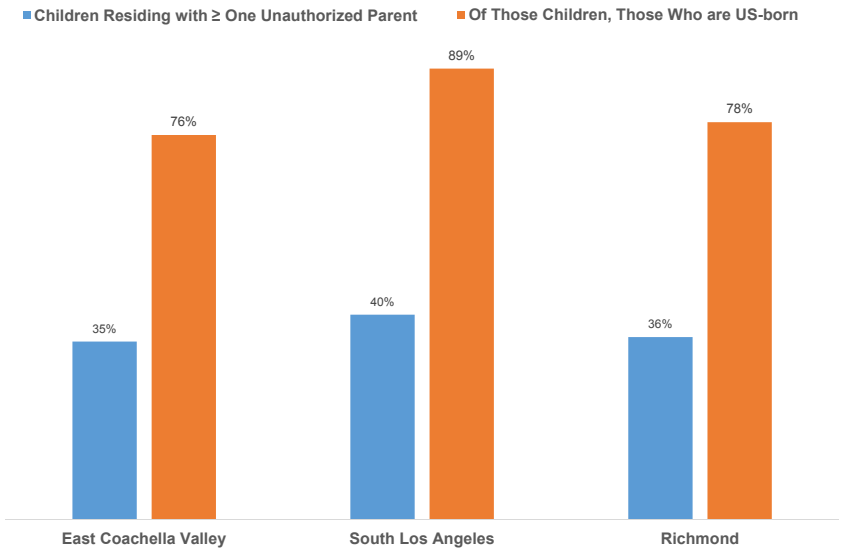

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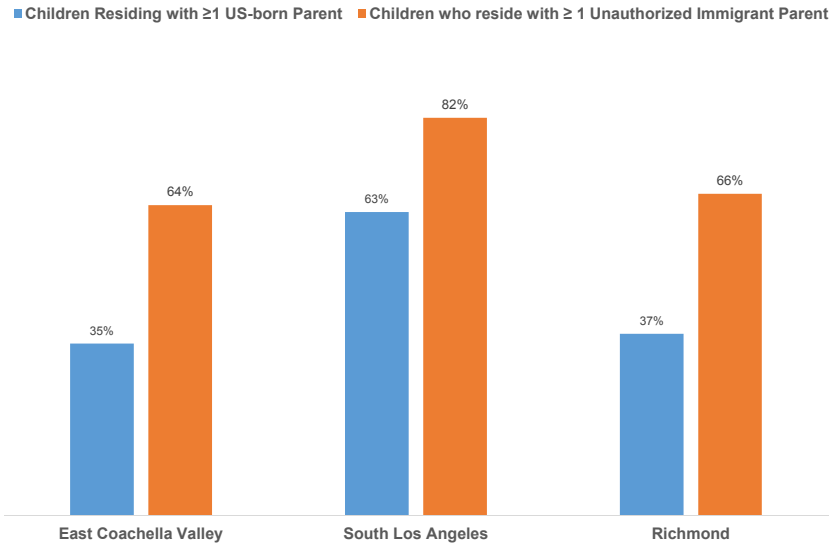

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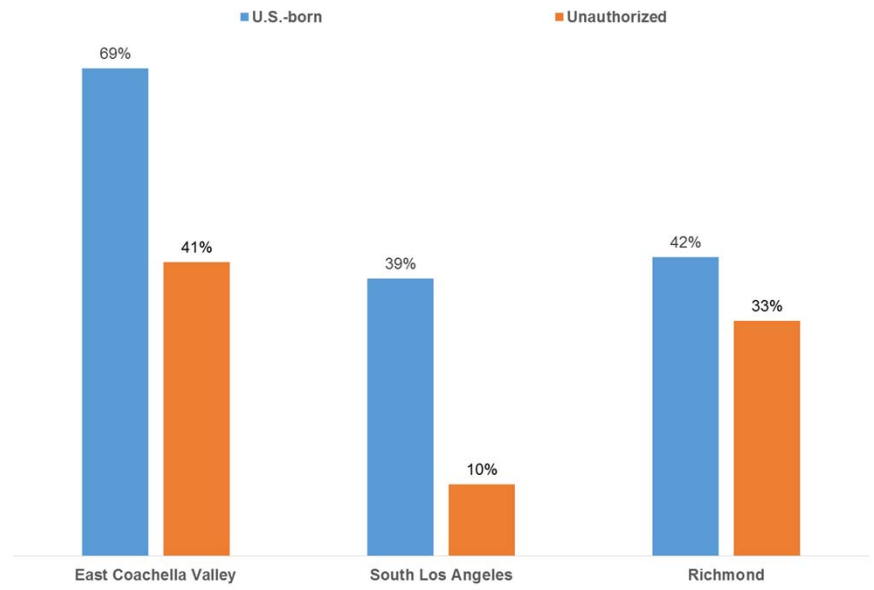

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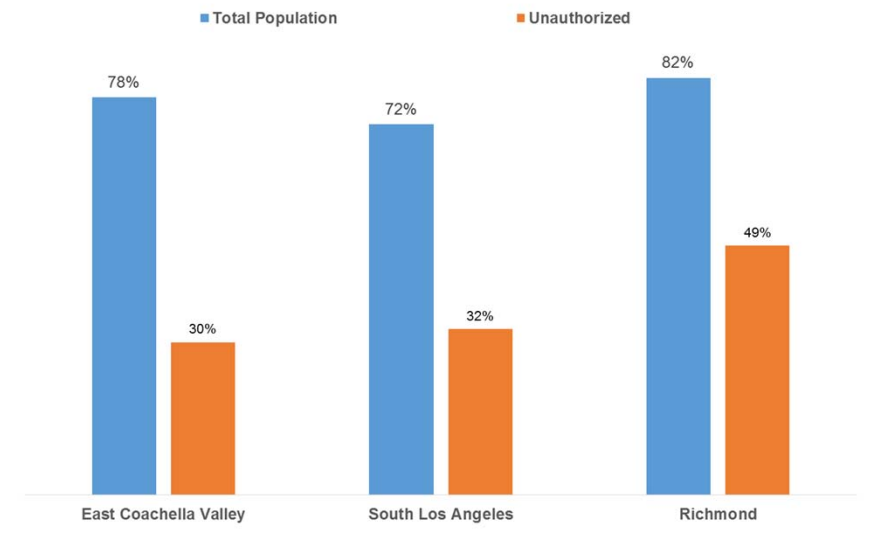

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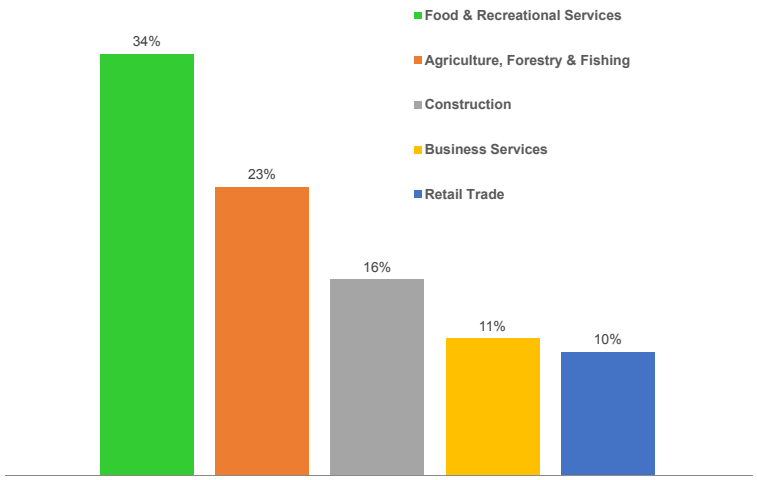

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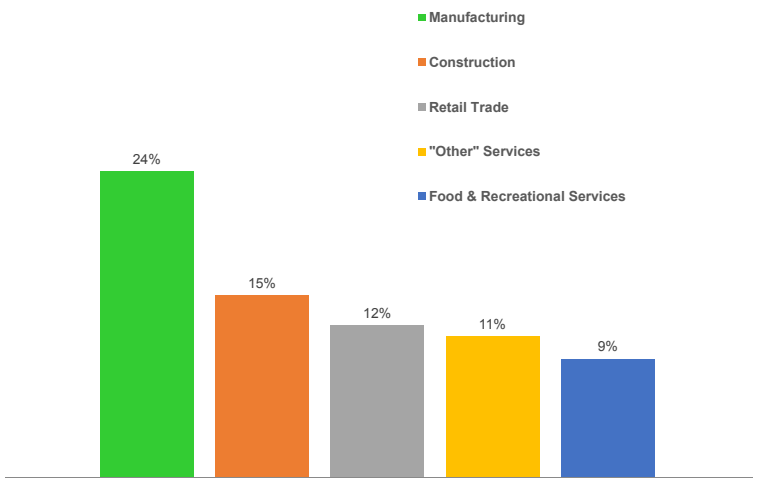

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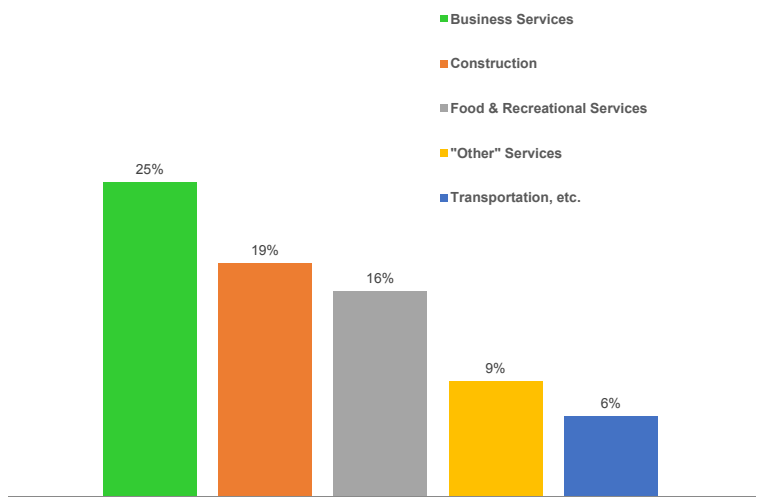

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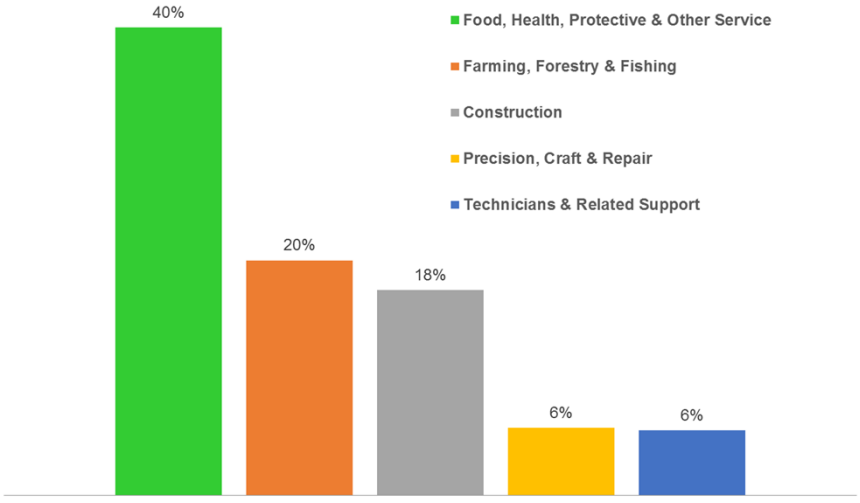

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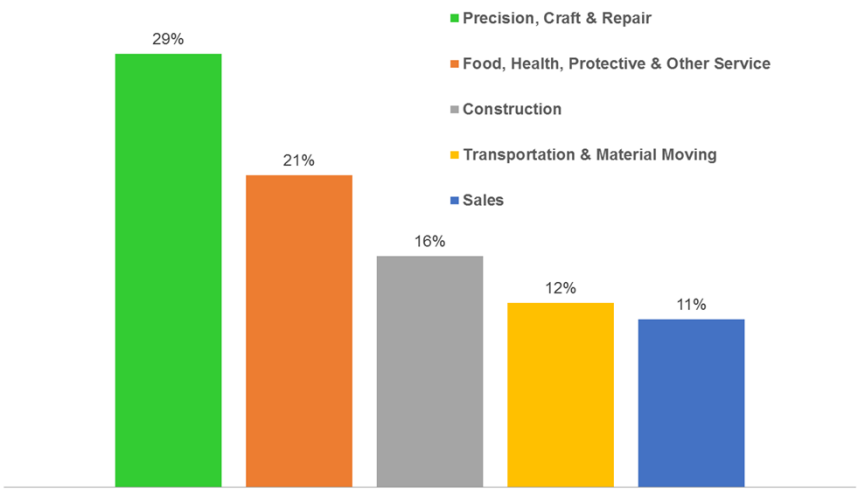

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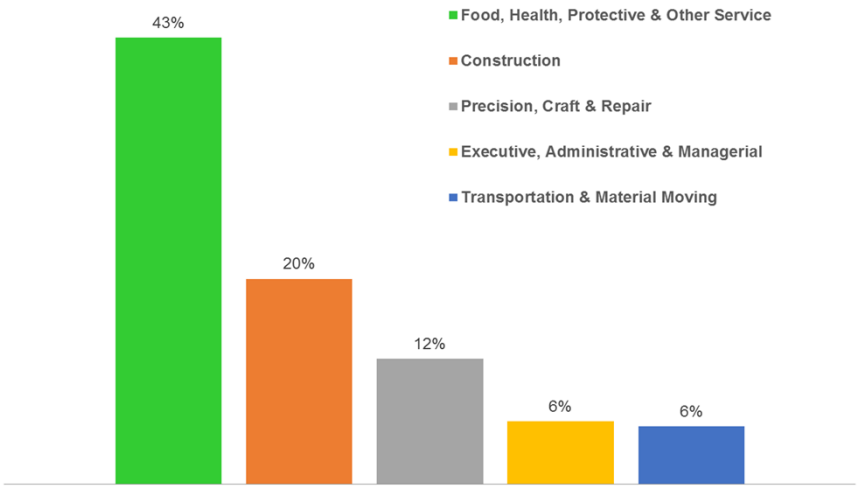

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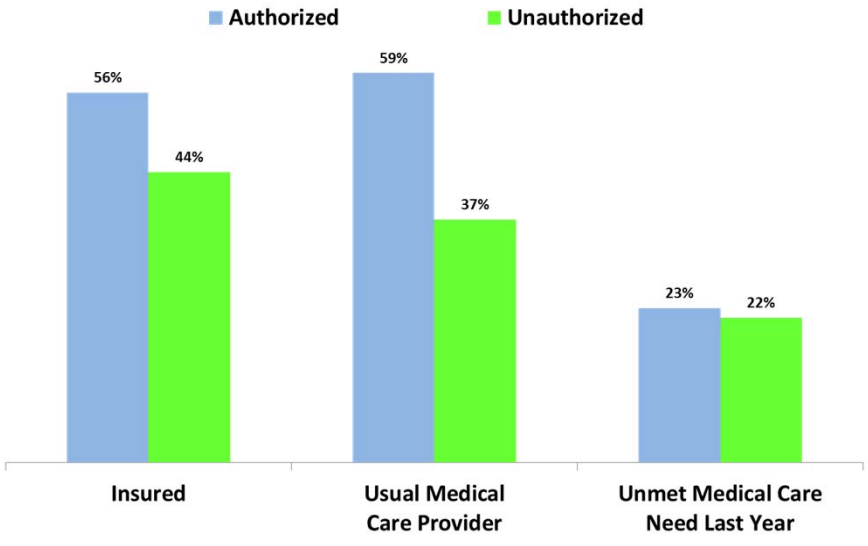

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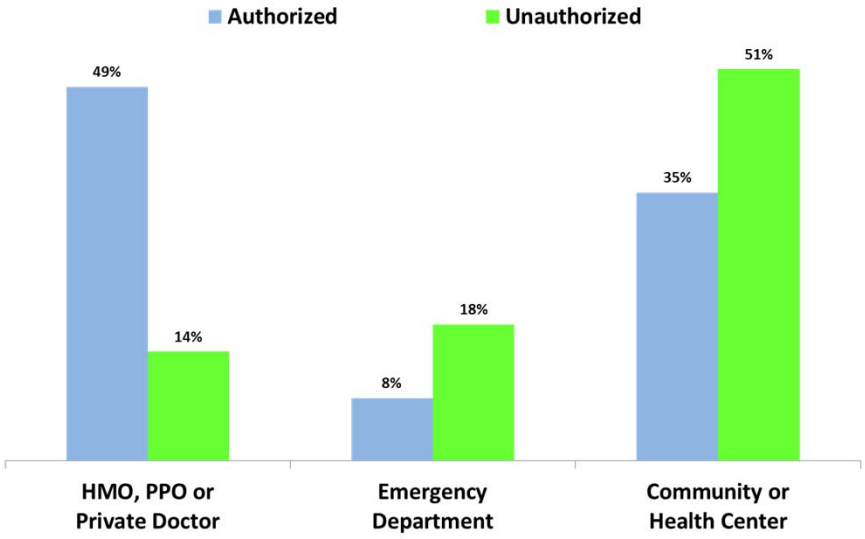

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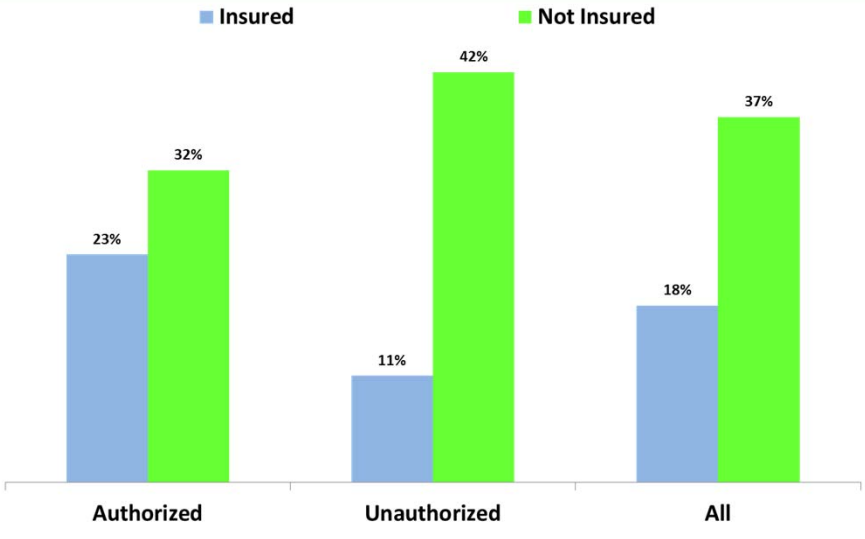

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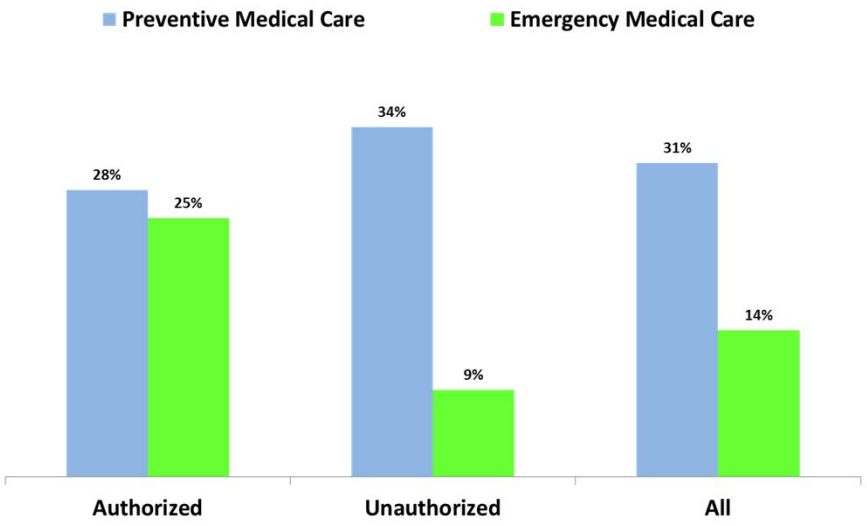

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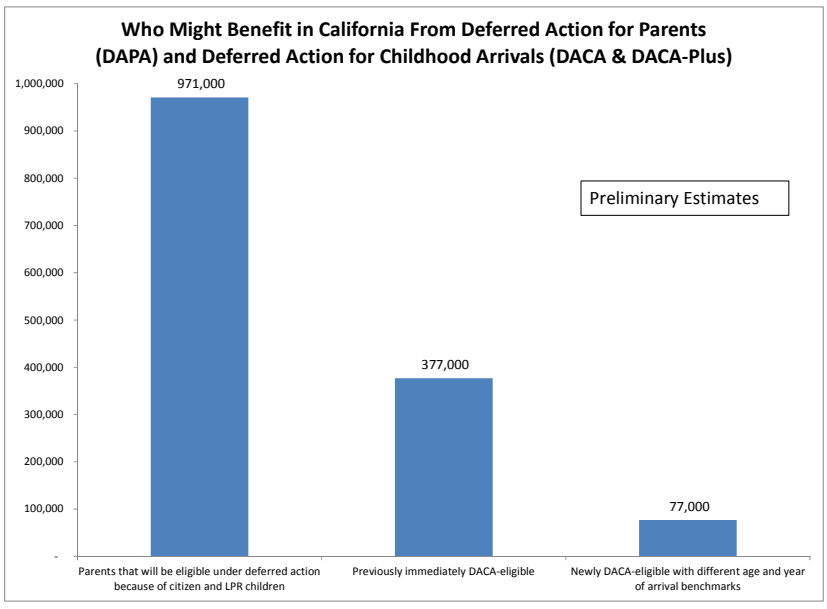

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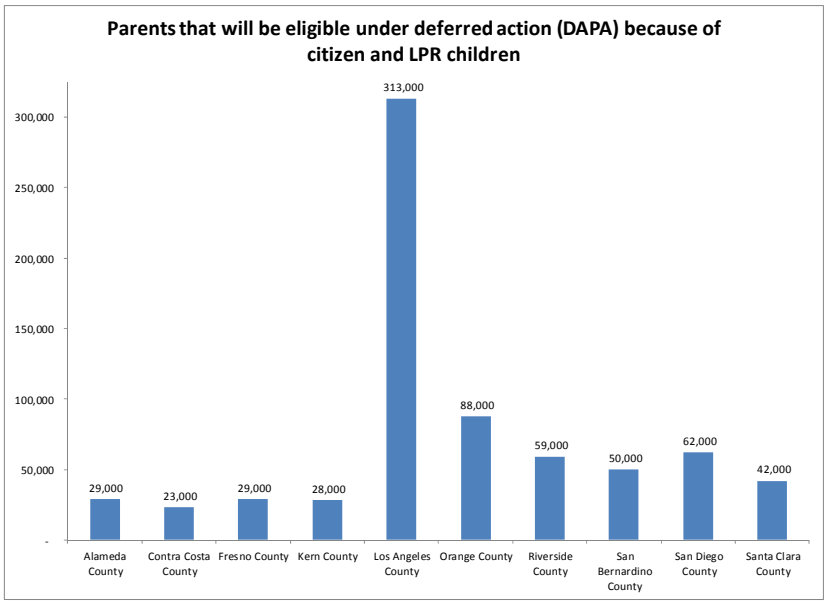

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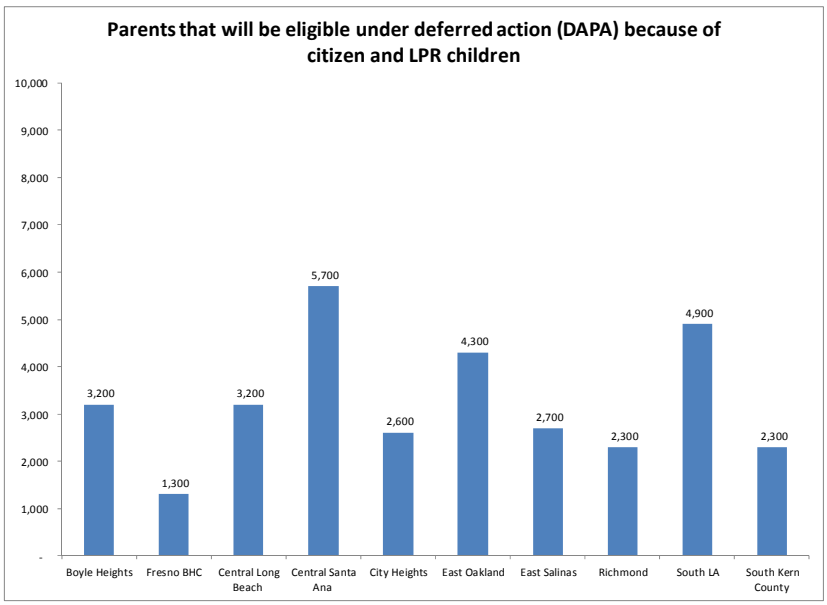

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QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

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