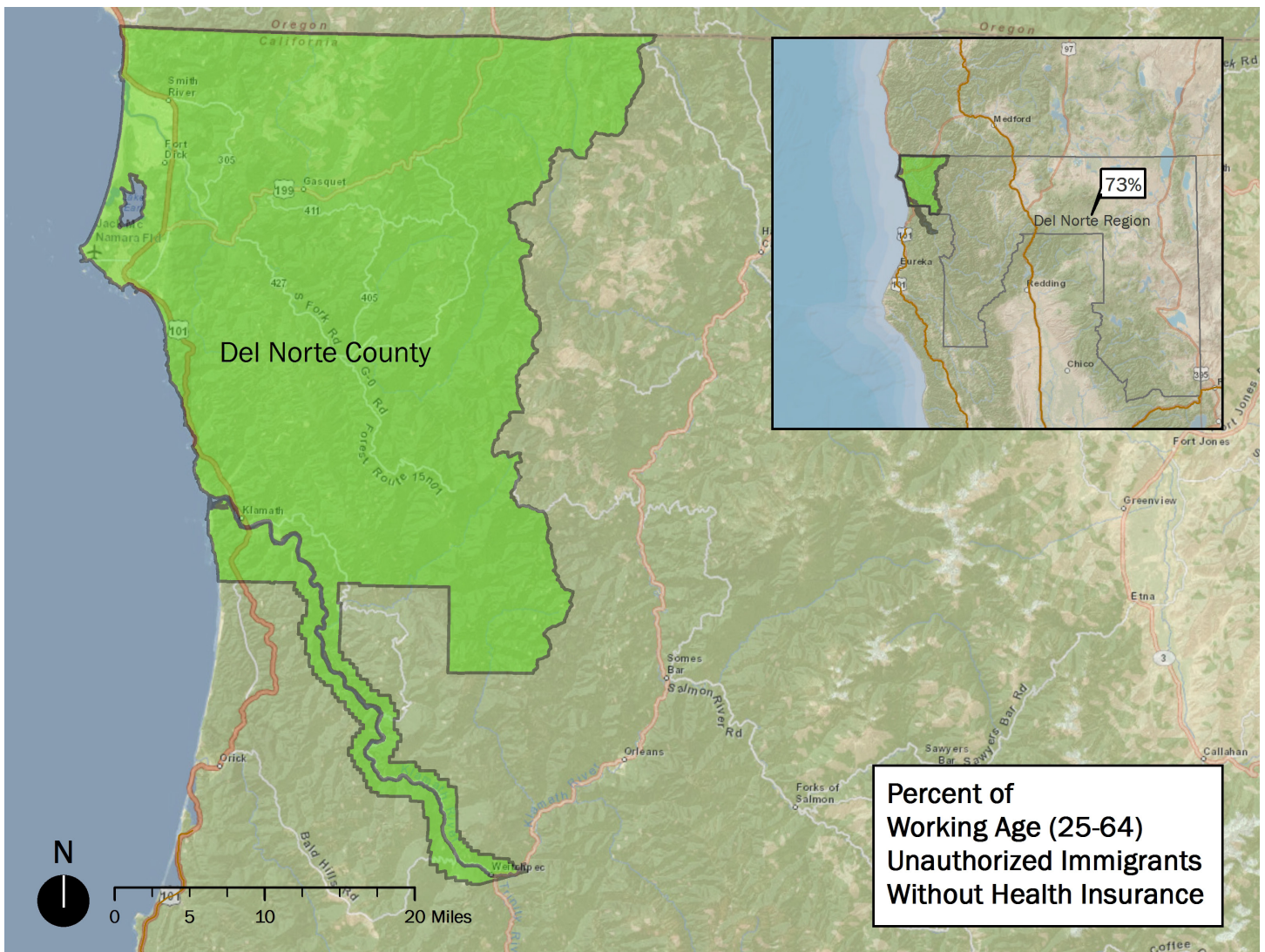


# UNAUTHORIZED AND UNINSURED

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## Why is this fact sheet important?

Del Norte County is one of 14 sites supported by The California Endowment under its Building Healthy Communities (BHC) initiative. While BHC is focused on the broad social determinants of health – including improved land use, access to healthy food, and youth development – one key challenge for many residents of the BHC communities is access to medical insurance. This is especially true for unauthorized immigrants who are explicitly excluded from the insurance exchanges and Medi-Cal insurance expansion of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). While insurance coverage is a key issue for unauthorized immigrants, there is also evidence that maintaining a large population of uninsured residents harms others in terms of both economic and community health – thus, it matters for all Californians.

## How many unauthorized immigrants live here?

We estimate that unauthorized immigrants represent one percent of Del Norte County's estimated 25,000 residents, similar to the Del Norte Region. Furthermore, an estimated three percent of all children (96 percent of whom are U.S. citizens) residing in Del Norte County have at least one unauthorized parent. This is a much lower presence of the unauthorized than in any other BHC site and, indeed, the data for the unauthorized in this BHC site is based on such a small sample that the numbers here are not as reliable as they are in other BHC sites. For that reason, we offer data below that draws on the broader seven county region of which Del Norte County is a part.

## How do the unauthorized fare economically and socially?

Unauthorized immigrants in the broader Del Norte region (and presumably Del Norte itself) are often deeply rooted in their communities; about half have resided for more than a decade (11 years) in the United States. In the larger seven-county region, the poverty rate for unauthorized immigrants is almost 30 percent higher than that of the native born. Also, over one-half of the unauthorized who are at least five years old do not speak English well, often limiting their social and economic status. For example, the unauthorized are often working and poor – those who work full-time but toil in low-wage industries and occupations with limited chances of economic mobility and often with limited access to employer-based health insurance.

## How does the unauthorized population in this BHC site compare to the broader Del Norte Region?

As indicated above, this site is different than virtually all the other BHC sites: the sample size of the unauthorized population is small and so it is difficult to compare the site itself to the broader (in this case, multi-county) region in which it is situated. However, the broader regional data suggest very high rates of male labor force participation (91 percent), a significant presence in agriculture and food and recreational services (50 percent of the unauthorized workforce), and earnings that, at \$24,000 for a year-round full-time worker, compare well to earnings in other more rural BHC locations (such as South Kern or East Merced, and the counties of which they are a part).

## What is the state of health insurance coverage among unauthorized immigrants here?

To profile the relative access to medical insurance of the unauthorized, we estimate the percentage of residents age 25-64 years old with any type of insurance (for example, employer-sponsored, Medi-Cal, military) by nativity and legal status. This age range is chosen for comparison because it is conventional – specifically, those under 25 years of age are more likely to be covered by their parents and those older than 64 qualify for Medicare. Again, drawing in this case on the data from the larger seven-county region, we find that unauthorized immigrants have very low medical insurance coverage: only around 27 percent of this working age population is covered – rates far below the native born (81 percent). The most common type of medical insurance coverage is employer sponsored, but still, only 17 percent of the unauthorized have coverage through employers.

<b>TOTAL POPULATION</b>	24,513		<b>CHILD POPULATION (&lt; 18 YEARS OLD)</b>	6,174	
<b>Nativity and Legal Status</b>			<b>Nativity and Legal Status</b>		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	22,912	93%	U.S.-born	6,076	98%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	1,601	7%	Immigrant	*	
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	857	3%	Unauthorized Immigrant	*	
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	430	2%	<b>Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent<sup>4</sup></b>	657	11%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	*		of those children, share U.S.-born	586	89%
<b>Female (For Each Nativity Group)</b>	11,848	48%	<b>Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent<sup>4</sup></b>	*	
U.S.-born	10,861	47%	of those children, share U.S.-born	*	
Immigrant	987	62%	<b>Child Poverty (Family Income &lt; 150% of Poverty Line)<sup>4</sup></b>	2,852	50%
Naturalized Immigrant	564	66%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	2,636	49%
Authorized Immigrant	240	56%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	355	54%
Unauthorized Immigrant	*		Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	*	
<b>Ethno-Racial Group</b>			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	*	
White, Non-Latino	19,123	78%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	*	
Latino (Any Race)	2,846	12%			
Asian, Non-Latino	391	2%	<b>UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION</b>		
Black, Non-Latino	*		<b>Top Three Countries of Origin</b>	*	
Other, Non-Latino	1,911	8%	Mexico	*	
<b>Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)<sup>1</sup></b>	22,734	99%	Russia	*	
Immigrant	1,334	83%	Korea	*	
Naturalized Immigrant	787	92%	<b>Female</b>	*	
Authorized Immigrant	394	92%	<b>Ethno-Racial Group</b>		
Unauthorized Immigrant	*		Latino (Any Race)	*	
<b>Homeownership</b>	6,366	62%	Asian, Non-Latino	*	
U.S.-born	6,121	62%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	*	
Immigrant	245	55%	<b>Age and Time in Country (Medians)</b>		
Naturalized Immigrant	*		Age	*	
Authorized Immigrant	*		Age First Arrived in Country	*	
Unauthorized Immigrant	*		Years Residing in the USA	*	
<b>Poverty (Family Income &lt; 150% of Poverty Line)<sup>2</sup></b>	7,665	31%	<b>Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)</b>	*	
U.S.-born	7,120	31%	Male Participation	*	
Immigrant	545	34%	of which, share employed	*	
Naturalized Immigrant	221	26%	of employed, share full-time	*	
Authorized Immigrant	159	37%	Female Participation	*	
Unauthorized Immigrant	165	53%	of which, share employed	*	
			of employed, share full-time	*	
<b>INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)</b>			<b>Top 5 Industries</b>	*	
<b>Has Medical Insurance Coverage</b>	10,334	83%	Business Services	*	
U.S.-born	9,378	83%	Manufacturing	*	
Immigrant	956	79%	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	*	
Naturalized Immigrant	556	91%	Food & Recreational Services	*	
Authorized Immigrant	*		Community Services	*	
Unauthorized Immigrant	*		<b>Top 5 Occupations</b>	*	
<b>Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage</b>	5,743	46%	Professional & Speciality	*	
U.S.-born	5,162	46%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	*	
Immigrant	581	48%	Administrative Support & Clerical	*	
Naturalized Immigrant	310	51%	Farming, Forestry & Fishing	*	
Authorized Immigrant	*		Precision, Craft & Repair	*	
Unauthorized Immigrant	*		<b>Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)</b>	*	
<b>Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)<sup>3</sup></b>	1,489	12%	Male	*	
U.S.-born	1,396	12%	Female	*	
Immigrant	93	8%	<b>Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)</b>	*	
Naturalized Immigrant	46	8%	Male	*	
Authorized Immigrant	*		Female	*	
Unauthorized Immigrant	*				

**Notes**

- \* indicates that the underlying number of observations is too small to make a reliable calculation of the variable in question.
- <sup>1</sup> Virtually all U.S.-born respondents in the ACS either report speaking English very well or speak no other language but English at home.
- <sup>2</sup> These are computed at the individual level using the ACS variable indicating the ratio of family income to the poverty line by family type.
- <sup>3</sup> Employer and low-income insurance coverage do not add up to total coverage which also includes private purchased insurance, veteran coverage, etc.
- <sup>4</sup> The denominator for these computations is the number of children residing with at least one parent.

<b>TOTAL POPULATION</b>	141,862		<b>CHILD POPULATION (&lt; 18 YEARS OLD)</b>	31,379	
<b>Nativity and Legal Status</b>			<b>Nativity and Legal Status</b>		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	132,661	94%	U.S.-born	30,834	98%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	9,201	6%	Immigrant	545	2%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	4,589	3%	Unauthorized Immigrant	211	1%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	2,626	2%	<b>Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent<sup>4</sup></b>	5,067	17%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	1,986	1%	of those children, share U.S.-born	4,635	91%
<b>Female (For Each Nativity Group)</b>	71,150	50%	<b>Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent<sup>4</sup></b>	1,784	6%
U.S.-born	66,066	50%	of those children, share U.S.-born	1,570	88%
Immigrant	5,084	55%	<b>Child Poverty (Family Income &lt; 150% of Poverty Line)<sup>4</sup></b>	12,346	42%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,577	56%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	10,764	41%
Authorized Immigrant	1,493	57%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	2,511	50%
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,014	51%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	728	31%
<b>Ethno-Racial Group</b>			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	866	54%
White, Non-Latino	111,212	78%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	1,223	69%
Latino (Any Race)	17,329	12%	<b>UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION</b>	1,986	1%
Asian, Non-Latino	1,955	1%	<b>Top Five Countries of Origin</b>	1,934	97%
Black, Non-Latino	1,364	1%	Mexico	1,765	89%
Other, Non-Latino	10,002	7%	El Salvador	79	4%
<b>Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)<sup>1</sup></b>	130,824	98%	Korea	39	2%
Immigrant	6,865	75%	Switzerland	30	2%
Naturalized Immigrant	4,221	92%	Honduras	21	1%
Authorized Immigrant	1,845	70%	<b>Female</b>	1,014	51%
Unauthorized Immigrant	799	40%	<b>Ethno-Racial Group</b>		
<b>Homeownership</b>	39,132	66%	Latino (Any Race)	1,884	95%
U.S.-born	36,742	66%	Asian, Non-Latino	47	2%
Immigrant	2,390	61%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	55	3%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,632	77%	<b>Age and Time in Country (Medians)</b>		
Authorized Immigrant	572	49%	Age	33 yrs.	
Unauthorized Immigrant	186	30%	Age First Arrived in Country	23 yrs.	
<b>Poverty (Family Income &lt; 150% of Poverty Line)<sup>2</sup></b>	42,058	30%	Years Residing in the USA	11 yrs.	
U.S.-born	38,882	29%	<b>Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)</b>	1,357	79%
Immigrant	3,176	35%	Male Participation	750	91%
Naturalized Immigrant	949	21%	of which, share employed	608	81%
Authorized Immigrant	1,084	41%	of employed, share full-time	565	93%
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,143	58%	Female Participation	607	68%
<b>INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)</b>			of which, share employed	481	79%
<b>Has Medical Insurance Coverage</b>	59,451	80%	of employed, share full-time	339	70%
U.S.-born	55,071	81%	<b>Top 5 Industries</b>	931	85%
Immigrant	4,380	62%	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	291	27%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,734	81%	Food & Recreational Services	254	23%
Authorized Immigrant	1,210	59%	Manufacturing	148	14%
Unauthorized Immigrant	436	27%	Retail Trade	135	12%
<b>Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage</b>	31,959	43%	Business Services	103	9%
U.S.-born	29,396	43%	<b>Top 5 Occupations</b>	871	80%
Immigrant	2,563	37%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	345	32%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,682	50%	Farming, Forestry & Fishing	242	22%
Authorized Immigrant	605	30%	Precision, Craft & Repair	121	11%
Unauthorized Immigrant	276	17%	Professional & Speciality	86	8%
<b>Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)<sup>3</sup></b>	8,941	12%	Technicians & Related Support	77	7%
U.S.-born	8,278	12%	<b>Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)</b>	\$24,000	
Immigrant	663	9%	Male	\$25,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	295	9%	Female	\$22,000	
Authorized Immigrant	251	12%	<b>Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)</b>	\$6,200	
Unauthorized Immigrant	117	7%	Male	\$5,000	
			Female	\$6,200	

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