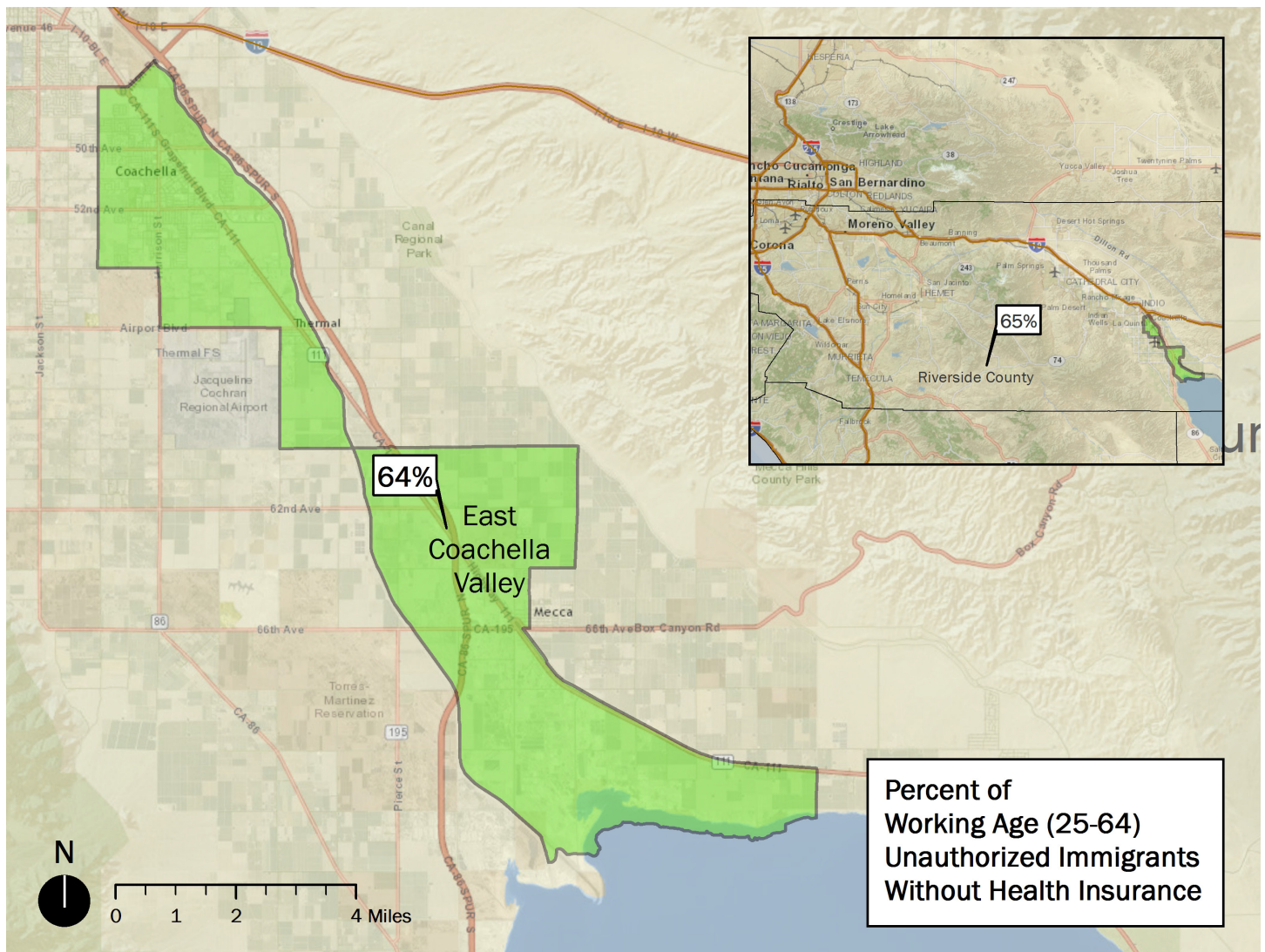


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## Why is this fact sheet important?

Eastern Coachella Valley 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 a larger part (14 percent) of Eastern Coachella Valley's estimated 34,000 residents than they do among all residents of Riverside County (about seven percent of approximately two million residents). Furthermore, slightly more than one-third of all children (76 percent of whom are U.S. citizens) residing in Eastern Coachella Valley are estimated to have at least one unauthorized parent. At the same time, unauthorized immigrants are often deeply rooted in their communities – in Eastern Coachella Valley, about half have resided just shy of a decade (nine years) in the USA.

## How do the unauthorized fare economically and socially?

Although Eastern Coachella Valley is one of the poorest areas in Riverside County, the poverty rate for unauthorized immigrants is almost double than that of the native born. Also, about 70 percent of the unauthorized five years of age or older 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 limited access to employer-based health insurance.

## How does this unauthorized population compare to the surrounding county?

The labor force composition of the unauthorized is unique: as one of the most rural communities in the county, Eastern Coachella Valley has a much higher share of unauthorized immigrants working in the agriculture industry. This change in the character of labor has only a slight impact on wages, as earnings are low for the unauthorized across the county. Median wages are slightly lower in this community, and the median wage for full-time female unauthorized workers is almost \$3,000 less annually than the median wage for unauthorized full-time male unauthorized workers.

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

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. Consistent with previous studies, unauthorized immigrants have very low medical insurance coverage: only around 36 percent of this working age population is covered in Eastern Coachella Valley – rates far below the native born (79 percent) but similar to the average rate for unauthorized adults in the county (35 percent). The most prevalent type of medical insurance coverage is employer sponsored, but still, only 16 percent of the unauthorized have coverage through employers, compared to over one-half of the native born and almost one-quarter of the unauthorized in the region.

<b>TOTAL POPULATION</b>	34,207	<b>CHILD POPULATION (&lt; 18 YEARS OLD)</b>	9,765
<b>Nativity and Legal Status</b>		<b>Nativity and Legal Status</b>	
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	22,718 66%	U.S.-born	8,741 90%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	11,489 34%	Immigrant	1,024 10%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	3,542 10%	Unauthorized Immigrant	677 7%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	3,211 9%	<b>Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent<sup>4</sup></b>	6,090 64%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	4,736 14%	of those children, share U.S.-born	5,113 84%
<b>Female (For Each Nativity Group)</b>	17,197 50%	<b>Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent<sup>4</sup></b>	3,306 35%
U.S.-born	11,084 49%	of those children, share U.S.-born	2,497 76%
Immigrant	6,113 53%	<b>Child Poverty (Family Income &lt; 150% of Poverty Line)<sup>4</sup></b>	4,893 52%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,992 56%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	1,560 35%
Authorized Immigrant	1,575 49%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	3,591 60%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,546 54%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	949 49%
<b>Ethno-Racial Group</b>		Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	1,045 63%
White, Non-Latino	9,229 27%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	2,119 64%
Latino (Any Race)	23,534 69%	<b>UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION</b>	4,736 14%
Asian, Non-Latino	452 1%	<b>Top Five Countries of Origin</b>	4,729 100%
Black, Non-Latino	544 2%	Mexico	4,486 95%
Other, Non-Latino	448 1%	Korea	97 2%
<b>Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)<sup>1</sup></b>	24,625 78%	El Salvador	70 1%
Immigrant	4,801 42%	Nicaragua	49 1%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,492 72%	Japan	27 1%
Authorized Immigrant	914 28%	<b>Female</b>	2,546 54%
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,395 30%	<b>Ethno-Racial Group</b>	
<b>Homeownership</b>	6,915 67%	Latino (Any Race)	4,605 97%
U.S.-born	4,335 69%	Asian, Non-Latino	131 3%
Immigrant	2,580 65%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	- 0%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,276 75%	<b>Age and Time in Country (Medians)</b>	
Authorized Immigrant	882 69%	Age	32 yrs.
Unauthorized Immigrant	422 41%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.
<b>Poverty (Family Income &lt; 150% of Poverty Line)<sup>2</sup></b>	13,121 39%	Years Residing in the USA	9 yrs.
U.S.-born	7,436 33%	<b>Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)</b>	2,911 75%
Immigrant	5,685 49%	Male Participation	1,513 90%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,168 33%	of which, share employed	1,358 90%
Authorized Immigrant	1,696 53%	of employed, share full-time	993 73%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,821 60%	Female Participation	1,398 63%
<b>INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)</b>		of which, share employed	958 69%
<b>Has Medical Insurance Coverage (Among 25-64 Year Olds)</b>	10,506 64%	of employed, share full-time	771 80%
U.S.-born	6,760 79%	<b>Top 5 Industries</b>	2,153 93%
Immigrant	3,746 47%	Food & Recreational Services	778 34%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,573 65%	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	532 23%
Authorized Immigrant	1,044 45%	Construction	362 16%
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,129 36%	Business Services	253 11%
<b>Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage</b>	6,651 40%	Retail Trade	228 10%
U.S.-born	4,581 54%	<b>Top 5 Occupations</b>	2,059 89%
Immigrant	2,070 26%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	925 40%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,062 44%	Farming, Forestry & Fishing	465 20%
Authorized Immigrant	511 22%	Construction	406 18%
Unauthorized Immigrant	497 16%	Precision, Craft & Repair	134 6%
<b>Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)<sup>3</sup></b>	1,552 9%	Technicians & Related Support	129 6%
U.S.-born	656 8%	<b>Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)</b>	\$18,700
Immigrant	896 11%	Male	\$20,800
Naturalized Immigrant	186 8%	Female	\$17,100
Authorized Immigrant	192 8%	<b>Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)</b>	*
Unauthorized Immigrant	518 16%	Male	*
		Female	*

**Notes**

\* indicates that the underlying number of observations is too small to make a reliable calculation of the variable in question.

1 Virtually all U.S.-born respondents in the ACS either report speaking English very well or speak no other language but English at home.

2 These are computed at the individual level using the ACS variable indicating the ratio of family income to the poverty line by family type.

3 Employer and low-income insurance coverage do not add up to total coverage which also includes private purchased insurance, veteran coverage, etc.

4 The denominator for these computations is the number of children residing with at least one parent.



<b>TOTAL POPULATION</b>	2,185,816		<b>CHILD POPULATION (&lt; 18 YEARS OLD)</b>	618,467	
<b>Nativity and Legal Status</b>			<b>Nativity and Legal Status</b>		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	1,662,521	76%	U.S.-born	586,935	95%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	523,295	24%	Immigrant	31,532	5%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	228,851	10%	Unauthorized Immigrant	14,697	2%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	148,735	7%	<b>Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent<sup>4</sup></b>	294,452	49%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	145,709	7%	of those children, share U.S.-born	266,158	90%
<b>Female (For Each Nativity Group)</b>	1,106,259	51%	<b>Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent<sup>4</sup></b>	107,483	18%
U.S.-born	837,687	50%	of those children, share U.S.-born	90,426	84%
Immigrant	268,572	51%	<b>Child Poverty (Family Income &lt; 150% of Poverty Line)<sup>4</sup></b>	208,378	35%
Naturalized Immigrant	122,024	53%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	96,968	26%
Authorized Immigrant	74,517	50%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	124,967	43%
Unauthorized Immigrant	72,031	49%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	42,144	29%
<b>Ethno-Racial Group</b>			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	44,400	44%
White, Non-Latino	856,901	39%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	62,586	59%
Latino (Any Race)	1,001,791	46%	<b>UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION</b>	145,709	7%
Asian, Non-Latino	129,690	6%	<b>Top Five Countries of Origin</b>	139,479	96%
Black, Non-Latino	124,745	6%	Mexico	125,090	86%
Other, Non-Latino	72,689	3%	El Salvador	5,564	4%
<b>Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)<sup>1</sup></b>	1,830,296	90%	Guatemala	4,285	3%
Immigrant	342,995	66%	Philippines	3,328	2%
Naturalized Immigrant	188,339	83%	Vietnam	1,212	1%
Authorized Immigrant	90,168	61%	<b>Female</b>	72,031	49%
Unauthorized Immigrant	64,488	45%	<b>Ethno-Racial Group</b>		
<b>Homeownership</b>	460,366	67%	Latino (Any Race)	136,148	93%
U.S.-born	332,005	68%	Asian, Non-Latino	7,145	5%
Immigrant	128,361	64%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	2,416	2%
Naturalized Immigrant	81,636	76%	<b>Age and Time in Country (Medians)</b>		
Authorized Immigrant	32,374	59%	Age	32 yrs.	
Unauthorized Immigrant	14,351	37%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
<b>Poverty (Family Income &lt; 150% of Poverty Line)<sup>2</sup></b>	578,454	27%	Years Residing in the USA	11 yrs.	
U.S.-born	406,844	25%	<b>Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)</b>	90,355	71%
Immigrant	171,610	33%	Male Participation	59,447	92%
Naturalized Immigrant	47,389	21%	of which, share employed	52,292	88%
Authorized Immigrant	50,778	34%	of employed, share full-time	42,285	81%
Unauthorized Immigrant	73,443	50%	Female Participation	30,908	50%
<b>INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)</b>			of which, share employed	25,024	81%
<b>Has Medical Insurance Coverage (Among 25-64 Year Olds)</b>	796,026	73%	of employed, share full-time	16,260	65%
U.S.-born	565,871	82%	<b>Top 5 Industries</b>	54,665	71%
Immigrant	230,155	59%	Food & Recreational Services	13,846	18%
Naturalized Immigrant	130,835	76%	Construction	12,787	17%
Authorized Immigrant	61,143	56%	Business Services	11,291	15%
Unauthorized Immigrant	38,177	35%	Manufacturing	9,011	12%
<b>Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage</b>	550,455	51%	Retail Trade	7,730	10%
U.S.-born	393,989	57%	<b>Top 5 Occupations</b>	61,911	80%
Immigrant	156,466	40%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	25,613	33%
Naturalized Immigrant	92,294	53%	Construction	11,998	16%
Authorized Immigrant	40,381	37%	Precision, Craft & Repair	11,387	15%
Unauthorized Immigrant	23,791	22%	Transportation & Material Moving	7,658	10%
<b>Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)<sup>3</sup></b>			Farming, Forestry & Fishing	5,255	7%
U.S.-born	78,966	7%	<b>Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)</b>	\$20,000	
Immigrant	30,212	8%	Male	\$20,800	
Naturalized Immigrant	10,559	6%	Female	\$20,000	
Authorized Immigrant	9,592	9%	<b>Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)</b>	\$10,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	10,061	9%	Male	\$10,000	
			Female	\$9,500	

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