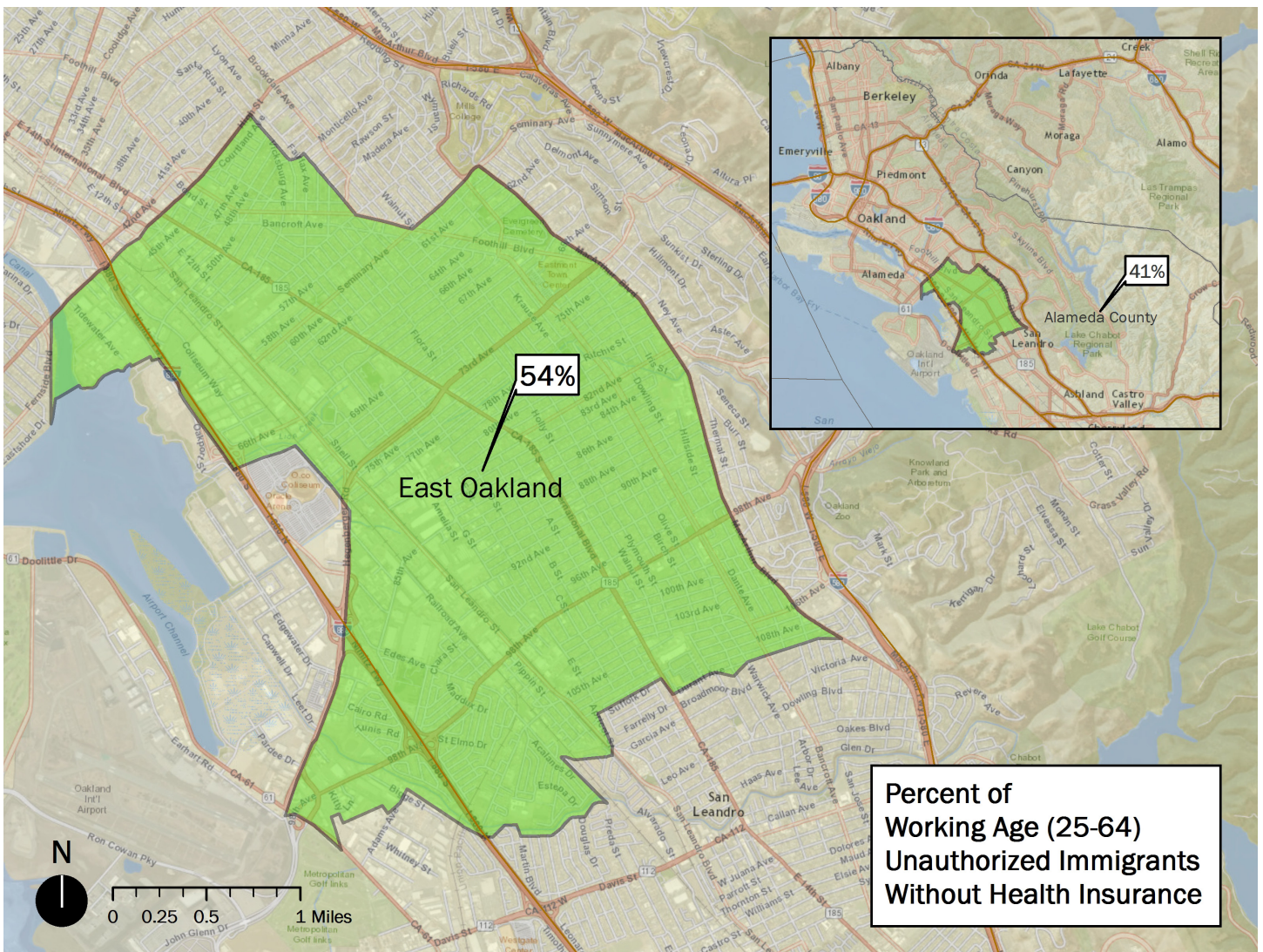


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Why is this fact sheet important?

East Oakland 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 (17 percent) of East Oakland's estimated 90,000 residents than they do among all residents of Alameda County (about six percent of approximately 1.5 million residents). Furthermore, an estimated 35 percent of all children (79 percent of whom are U.S. citizens) residing in East Oakland have at least one unauthorized parent. At the same time, unauthorized immigrants are often deeply rooted in their communities – in East Oakland they have resided just shy of a decade (nine years) in the United States.

How do the unauthorized fare economically and socially?

East Oakland is one of the most economically disadvantaged communities in the county, and the poverty rate for unauthorized immigrants is about 10 percent higher than that of the native born. Also, almost 70 percent 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 among the working and poor – those who work full-time but toil in low-wage industries with limited chances of economic mobility and limited access to employer-based health insurance.

How does this unauthorized population compare to the surrounding county?

East Oakland is a diverse majority-minority community of color, but slowly reaching a Latino majority. The unauthorized population in East Oakland is largely Latino whereas in the county, there is more diversity with representation by unauthorized East and South Asian immigrants. This characteristic is significant because of the differing opportunities across immigrant groups. For example, the Latino unauthorized likely have a different set of networks than other unauthorized populations based on geography alone which may have important economic and social consequences.

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 46 percent of this working age population is covered in East Oakland – rates far below the native born (78 percent) and lower than the average rate for unauthorized adults in the county (59 percent). The most common type of medical insurance coverage is employer sponsored, but still, only 22 percent of the unauthorized have coverage through employers, compared to over one-half of the native born and 38 percent of the unauthorized in the county.

TOTAL POPULATION	89,771	CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	25,600
Nativity and Legal Status		Nativity and Legal Status	
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	56,715 63%	U.S.-born	22,873 89%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	33,056 37%	Immigrant	2,727 11%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	10,030 11%	Unauthorized Immigrant	1,728 7%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	7,970 9%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	14,615 62%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	15,056 17%	of those children, share U.S.-born	12,261 84%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	46,436 52%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	8,387 35%
U.S.-born	30,498 54%	of those children, share U.S.-born	6,636 79%
Immigrant	15,938 48%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	13,043 56%
Naturalized Immigrant	4,940 49%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	5,574 54%
Authorized Immigrant	3,947 50%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	8,094 56%
Unauthorized Immigrant	7,051 47%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	1,506 35%
Ethno-Racial Group		Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	2,154 45%
White, Non-Latino	6,168 7%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	5,684 68%
Latino (Any Race)	41,165 46%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	15,056 17%
Asian, Non-Latino	10,084 11%	Top Five Countries of Origin	14,289 95%
Black, Non-Latino	28,614 32%	Mexico	11,270 75%
Other, Non-Latino	3,740 4%	El Salvador	1,486 10%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	63,752 77%	Guatemala	1,132 8%
Immigrant	14,911 45%	Vietnam	215 1%
Naturalized Immigrant	6,245 63%	Other South Central Asia, not specified	186 1%
Authorized Immigrant	4,095 51%	Female	7,051 47%
Unauthorized Immigrant	4,571 31%	Ethno-Racial Group	
Homeownership	11,765 43%	Latino (Any Race)	14,106 94%
U.S.-born	7,174 43%	Asian, Non-Latino	828 5%
Immigrant	4,591 42%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	122 1%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,691 62%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)	
Authorized Immigrant	1,075 43%	Age	32 yrs.
Unauthorized Immigrant	825 20%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	38,784 43%	Years Residing in the USA	9 yrs.
U.S.-born	24,812 44%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	9,442 73%
Immigrant	13,972 42%	Male Participation	6,597 95%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,932 29%	of which, share employed	5,740 87%
Authorized Immigrant	2,740 35%	of employed, share full-time	4,098 71%
Unauthorized Immigrant	8,300 55%	Female Participation	2,845 48%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)		of which, share employed	2,395 84%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	31,473 68%	of employed, share full-time	1,562 65%
U.S.-born	16,824 78%	Top 5 Industries	6,445 79%
Immigrant	14,649 60%	Construction	2,197 27%
Naturalized Immigrant	5,719 78%	Food & Recreational Services	1,399 17%
Authorized Immigrant	3,766 63%	Business Services	1,099 14%
Unauthorized Immigrant	5,164 46%	Retail Trade	995 12%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	18,037 39%	"Other" Services	755 9%
U.S.-born	9,877 46%	Top 5 Occupations	7,415 91%
Immigrant	8,160 33%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	2,876 35%
Naturalized Immigrant	3,519 48%	Construction	1,991 24%
Authorized Immigrant	2,187 36%	Precision, Craft & Repair	1,147 14%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,454 22%	Transportation & Material Moving	950 12%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³		Sales	451 6%
U.S.-born	8,590 19%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$21,000
Immigrant	4,667 19%	Male	\$22,100
Naturalized Immigrant	975 13%	Female	\$18,000
Authorized Immigrant	1,354 23%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$7,200
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,338 21%	Male	\$7,500
		Female	\$6,600

Notes

- 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.

TOTAL POPULATION	1,507,941		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	340,479	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	1,006,786	67%	U.S.-born	311,522	91%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	501,155	33%	Immigrant	28,957	9%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	267,992	18%	Unauthorized Immigrant	10,136	3%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	135,457	9%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	186,966	57%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	97,706	6%	of those children, share U.S.-born	161,246	86%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	768,729	51%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	50,837	15%
U.S.-born	511,491	51%	of those children, share U.S.-born	40,320	79%
Immigrant	257,238	51%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	81,132	25%
Naturalized Immigrant	141,690	53%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	35,803	20%
Authorized Immigrant	70,077	52%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	48,812	26%
Unauthorized Immigrant	45,471	47%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	17,041	16%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	15,203	26%
White, Non-Latino	509,603	34%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	25,379	50%
Latino (Any Race)	336,347	22%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	97,706	6%
Asian, Non-Latino	403,796	27%	Top Five Countries of Origin	80,029	82%
Black, Non-Latino	178,826	12%	Mexico	56,137	57%
Other, Non-Latino	79,369	5%	China	7,005	7%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	1,266,985	90%	El Salvador	6,071	6%
Immigrant	362,410	73%	India	5,442	6%
Naturalized Immigrant	219,160	82%	Philippines	5,374	6%
Authorized Immigrant	92,768	69%	Female	45,471	47%
Unauthorized Immigrant	50,482	52%	Ethno-Racial Group		
Homeownership	292,824	53%	Latino (Any Race)	67,939	70%
U.S.-born	189,720	54%	Asian, Non-Latino	25,334	26%
Immigrant	103,104	52%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	4,433	5%
Naturalized Immigrant	78,522	64%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Authorized Immigrant	19,154	40%	Age	31 yrs.	
Unauthorized Immigrant	5,428	20%	Age First Arrived in Country	22 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	298,299	20%	Years Residing in the USA	9 yrs.	
U.S.-born	190,079	19%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	63,056	74%
Immigrant	108,220	22%	Male Participation	41,392	90%
Naturalized Immigrant	40,124	15%	of which, share employed	38,243	92%
Authorized Immigrant	29,621	22%	of employed, share full-time	30,025	79%
Unauthorized Immigrant	38,475	39%	Female Participation	21,664	55%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			of which, share employed	18,881	87%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	727,288	84%	of employed, share full-time	12,372	66%
U.S.-born	429,225	88%	Top 5 Industries	41,954	73%
Immigrant	298,063	80%	Food & Recreational Services	11,528	20%
Naturalized Immigrant	177,592	89%	Business Services	9,547	17%
Authorized Immigrant	77,514	77%	Construction	8,210	14%
Unauthorized Immigrant	42,957	59%	Manufacturing	6,587	12%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	537,577	62%	Retail Trade	6,082	11%
U.S.-born	317,491	65%	Top 5 Occupations	44,439	78%
Immigrant	220,086	59%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	19,790	35%
Naturalized Immigrant	135,443	68%	Construction	7,824	14%
Authorized Immigrant	56,725	56%	Precision, Craft & Repair	7,022	12%
Unauthorized Immigrant	27,918	38%	Transportation & Material Moving	5,145	9%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³			Sales	4,658	8%
U.S.-born	63,722	7%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$25,000	
Immigrant	29,081	6%	Male	\$26,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	34,641	9%	Female	\$22,000	
Authorized Immigrant	13,611	7%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$10,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	9,650	10%	Male	\$11,300	
Unauthorized Immigrant	11,380	16%	Female	\$8,000	

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