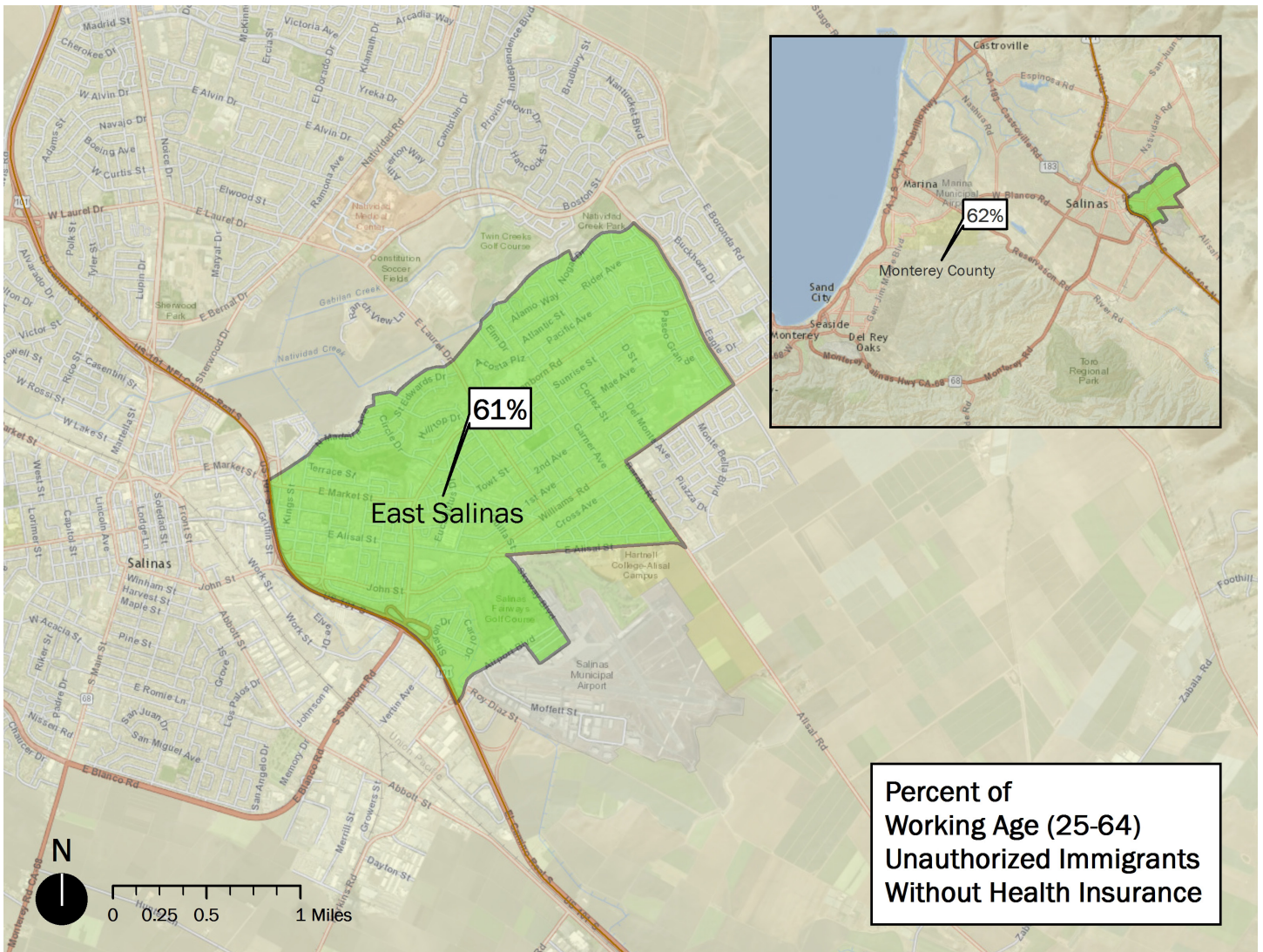


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EAST SALINAS AND MONTEREY COUNTY

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Why is this fact sheet important?

East Salinas 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 (18 percent) of East Salinas' estimated 49,000 residents than they do among all residents of Monterey County (about 13 percent of approximately 400,000 residents). Furthermore, an estimated 40 percent of all children (85 percent of whom are U.S. citizens) residing in East Salinas have at least one unauthorized parent. At the same time, unauthorized immigrants are often deeply rooted in their communities – in East Salinas, about half have resided in the United States for over a decade.

How do the unauthorized fare economically and socially?

East Salinas is one of the most economically disadvantaged regions in the county, and the poverty rate for unauthorized immigrants is 20 percent higher than that of the native born. Also, three-quarters 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 limited access to employer-based health insurance.

How does this unauthorized population compare to the surrounding county?

In both East Salinas and Monterey County, many unauthorized immigrant workers labor in the broader region's dominant agricultural industries. Fully 75 percent of the unauthorized in East Salinas do not speak English well, which is similar to Monterey County (73 percent). Not speaking English well likely limits workers' ability to advance in other industries or move up economically. Evidence of the lack of mobility among the undocumented is seen in the extremely low homeownership rates in the site and county.

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 39 percent of this working age population is covered in East Salinas – rates far below the native born (84 percent) yet higher than the average rate for unauthorized adults in the county (38 percent). The most prevalent type of medical insurance coverage is employer sponsored, but still, only 24 percent of the unauthorized have coverage through employers, compared to 63 percent for the native born and 25 percent of the unauthorized in the county.

TOTAL POPULATION	48,983		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	16,391	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	29,483	60%	U.S.-born	15,149	92%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	19,500	40%	Immigrant	1,242	8%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	4,859	10%	Unauthorized Immigrant	896	5%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	5,863	12%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	11,430	74%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	8,778	18%	of those children, share U.S.-born	10,303	90%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	24,197	49%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	6,248	40%
U.S.-born	14,539	49%	of those children, share US-born	5,318	85%
Immigrant	9,658	50%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	8,060	53%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,622	54%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	1,712	30%
Authorized Immigrant	2,448	42%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	6,687	59%
Unauthorized Immigrant	4,588	52%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	1,067	36%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	2,792	61%
White, Non-Latino	7,108	15%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	4,017	65%
Latino (Any Race)	36,784	75%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	8,778	18%
Asian, Non-Latino	3,855	8%	Top Five Countries of Origin	8,716	99%
Black, Non-Latino	712	1%	Mexico	8,351	95%
Other, Non-Latino	524	1%	Philippines	189	2%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	31,916	72%	El Salvador	102	1%
Immigrant	7,943	41%	India	37	0%
Naturalized Immigrant	3,418	71%	Vietnam	37	0%
Authorized Immigrant	2,328	40%	Female	4,588	52%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,197	25%	Ethno-Racial Group		
Homeownership	6,116	45%	Latino (Any Race)	8,475	97%
U.S.-born	3,351	53%	Asian, Non-Latino	303	3%
Immigrant	2,765	37%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	-	0%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,452	60%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Authorized Immigrant	1,023	41%	Age	31 yrs.	
Unauthorized Immigrant	290	12%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	18,687	38%	Years Residing in the USA	10 yrs.	
U.S.-born	10,343	35%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	6,224	80%
Immigrant	8,344	43%	Male Participation	3,648	93%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,194	25%	of which, share employed	3,198	88%
Authorized Immigrant	2,284	39%	of employed, share full-time	2,844	89%
Unauthorized Immigrant	4,866	55%	Female Participation	2,576	68%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			of which, share employed	2,209	86%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	16,092	67%	of employed, share full-time	1,686	76%
U.S.-born	7,593	84%	Top 5 Industries	4,051	75%
Immigrant	8,499	56%	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	2,422	45%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,924	79%	Business Services	496	9%
Authorized Immigrant	2,982	64%	Construction	383	7%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,593	39%	Manufacturing	382	7%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	11,530	48%	Retail Trade	368	7%
U.S.-born	5,653	63%	Top 5 Occupations	4,556	84%
Immigrant	5,877	39%	Farming, Forestry & Fishing	2,156	40%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,059	55%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	965	18%
Authorized Immigrant	2,197	47%	Transportation & Material Moving	551	10%
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,621	24%	Precision, Craft & Repair	507	9%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	1,856	8%	Construction	377	7%
U.S.-born	557	6%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$15,000	
Immigrant	1,299	9%	Male	\$15,700	
Naturalized Immigrant	222	6%	Female	\$13,000	
Authorized Immigrant	383	8%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$9,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	694	10%	Male	\$13,100	
			Female	\$7,600	

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	403,961		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	111,270	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	272,828	68%	U.S.-born	101,756	91%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	131,133	32%	Immigrant	9,514	9%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	40,283	10%	Unauthorized Immigrant	5,634	5%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	36,841	9%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	66,385	62%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	54,009	13%	of those children, share U.S.-born	58,027	87%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	203,190	50%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	33,987	32%
U.S.-born	137,842	51%	of those children, share U.S.-born	27,702	82%
Immigrant	65,348	50%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	43,846	41%
Naturalized Immigrant	22,689	56%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	12,283	24%
Authorized Immigrant	17,298	47%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	34,110	52%
Unauthorized Immigrant	25,361	47%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	5,354	26%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	12,990	54%
White, Non-Latino	133,835	33%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	21,191	63%
Latino (Any Race)	224,876	56%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	54,009	13%
Asian, Non-Latino	25,275	6%	Top Five Countries of Origin	52,642	97%
Black, Non-Latino	8,613	2%	Mexico	50,180	93%
Other, Non-Latino	11,362	3%	El Salvador	1,356	3%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	297,130	80%	Philippines	707	1%
Immigrant	61,956	48%	Guatemala	200	0%
Naturalized Immigrant	30,595	76%	Honduras	199	0%
Authorized Immigrant	17,068	47%	Female	25,361	47%
Unauthorized Immigrant	14,293	27%	Ethno-Racial Group		
Homeownership	64,913	51%	Latino (Any Race)	52,061	96%
U.S.-born	45,643	56%	Asian, Non-Latino	1,414	3%
Immigrant	19,270	41%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	534	1%
Naturalized Immigrant	11,884	62%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Authorized Immigrant	5,339	39%	Age	31 yrs.	
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,047	15%	Age First Arrived in Country	19 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	118,653	29%	Years Residing in the USA	10 yrs.	
U.S.-born	68,715	25%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	36,957	78%
Immigrant	49,938	38%	Male Participation	23,790	93%
Naturalized Immigrant	7,878	20%	of which, share employed	21,242	89%
Authorized Immigrant	12,885	35%	of employed, share full-time	18,746	88%
Unauthorized Immigrant	29,175	54%	Female Participation	13,167	60%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			of which, share employed	10,786	82%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	148,960	72%	of employed, share full-time	8,422	78%
U.S.-born	94,997	85%	Top 5 Industries	25,202	79%
Immigrant	53,963	57%	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	14,144	44%
Naturalized Immigrant	22,436	79%	Food & Recreational Services	4,268	13%
Authorized Immigrant	16,631	63%	Business Services	2,907	9%
Unauthorized Immigrant	14,896	38%	Retail Trade	2,095	7%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	99,029	48%	Construction	1,788	6%
U.S.-born	62,388	56%	Top 5 Occupations	27,789	87%
Immigrant	36,641	39%	Farming, Forestry & Fishing	12,601	39%
Naturalized Immigrant	15,452	55%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	7,558	24%
Authorized Immigrant	11,220	42%	Transportation & Material Moving	3,140	10%
Unauthorized Immigrant	9,969	25%	Precision, Craft & Repair	2,547	8%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	12,085	6%	Construction	1,943	6%
U.S.-born	5,055	5%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$17,000	
Immigrant	7,030	7%	Male	\$18,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	1,314	5%	Female	\$14,000	
Authorized Immigrant	2,099	8%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$10,500	
Unauthorized Immigrant	3,617	9%	Male	\$13,300	
			Female	\$7,600	

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