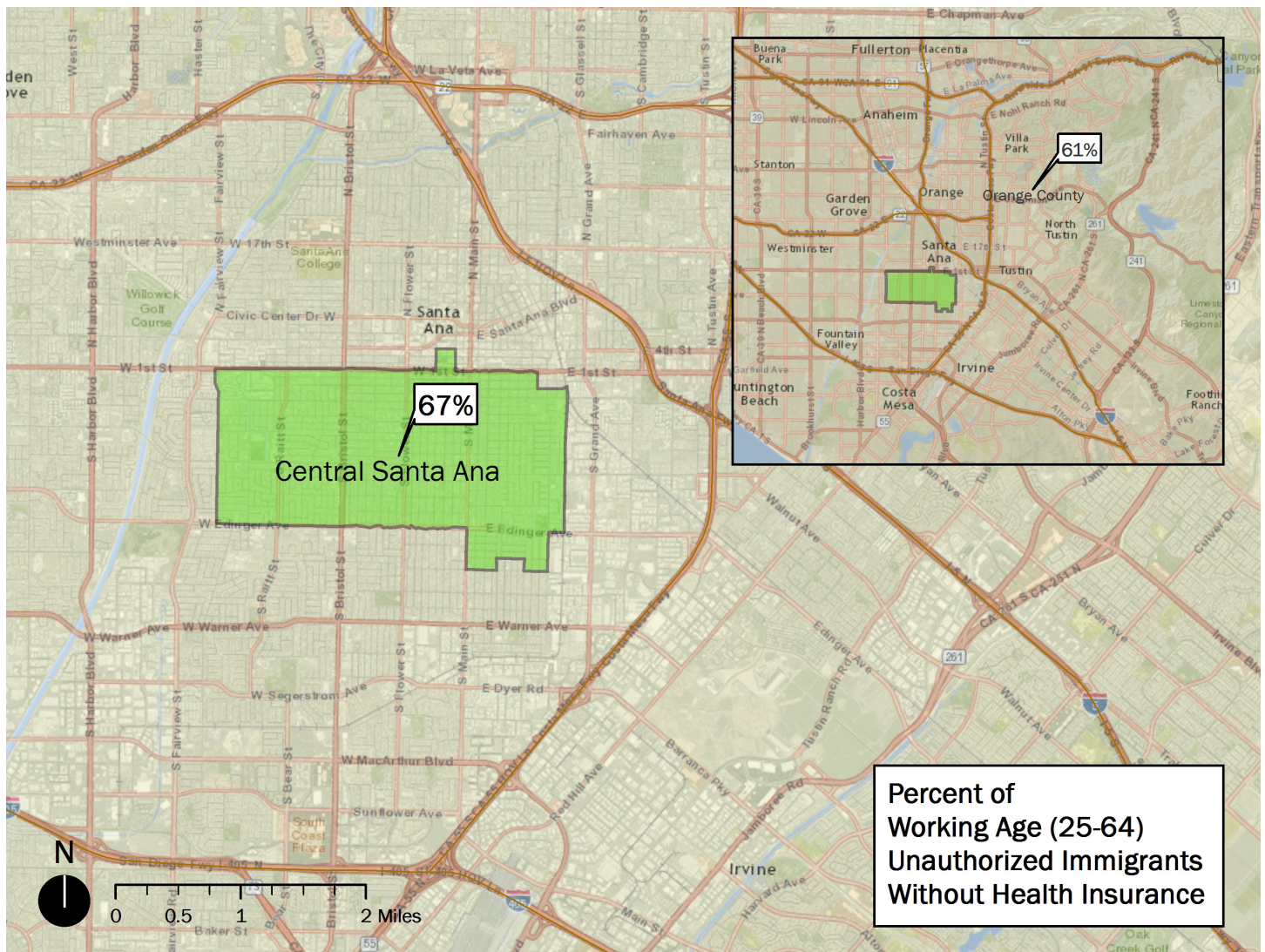


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Why is this fact sheet important?

Central Santa Ana 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 much larger part (22 percent) of Central Santa Ana's estimated 86,000 residents than they do among all residents of Orange County (about eight percent of approximately three million residents). Furthermore, an estimated one-half of all children (80 percent of whom are U.S. citizens) residing in Central Santa Ana have at least one unauthorized parent. At the same time, unauthorized immigrants are often deeply rooted in their communities – in Central Santa Ana about half are estimated to have resided in the USA for a decade.

How do the unauthorized fare economically and socially?

Central Santa Ana is one of the poorest neighborhoods in the county, and the poverty rate for unauthorized immigrants is almost 50 percent. Also, almost 60 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?

Where unauthorized immigrants in Central Santa Ana were born differs from that of the unauthorized residing throughout the county. Specifically, Central Santa Ana has a much higher share of unauthorized immigrants from Latin America compared to Orange County, which has significant Korean and Vietnamese populations. This difference may sometimes be a source of division among immigrants, but if harnessed, as some evidence has shown, collaboration between groups of diverse backgrounds can prove beneficial for a region and its communities.

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 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 33 percent of this working age population is covered in Central Santa Ana – rates far below the native born (79 percent) and similar to the average rate for unauthorized adults in the county (39 percent). The most prevalent type of medical insurance coverage is employer sponsored, but still, only 21 percent of the unauthorized have coverage through employers, compared to 57 percent of the native born and around one-quarter of the unauthorized in the region.

TOTAL POPULATION	85,752		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	26,907	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	43,093	50%	U.S.-born	23,261	86%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	42,659	50%	Immigrant	3,646	14%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	11,640	14%	Unauthorized Immigrant	2,584	10%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	12,277	14%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	22,888	89%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	18,742	22%	of those children, share U.S.-born	19,645	86%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	41,774	49%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	11,909	46%
U.S.-born	21,201	49%	of those children, share U.S.-born	9,506	80%
Immigrant	20,573	48%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	11,608	47%
Naturalized Immigrant	6,422	55%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	1,385	30%
Authorized Immigrant	5,442	44%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	11,080	50%
Unauthorized Immigrant	8,709	46%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	1,831	27%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	3,835	45%
White, Non-Latino	7,468	9%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	7,163	63%
Latino (Any Race)	69,778	81%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	18,742	22%
Asian, Non-Latino	7,049	8%	Top Five Countries of Origin	18,526	99%
Black, Non-Latino	730	1%	Mexico	16,807	90%
Other, Non-Latino	727	1%	El Salvador	599	3%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	55,515	71%	Guatemala	534	3%
Immigrant	21,333	50%	Vietnam	399	2%
Naturalized Immigrant	7,792	67%	Ecuador	187	1%
Authorized Immigrant	5,662	46%	Female	8,709	46%
Unauthorized Immigrant	7,879	42%	Ethno-Racial Group		
Homeownership	8,348	45%	Latino (Any Race)	18,184	97%
U.S.-born	3,605	54%	Asian, Non-Latino	541	3%
Immigrant	4,743	39%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	17	0%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,928	63%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Authorized Immigrant	1,147	34%	Age	30 yrs.	
Unauthorized Immigrant	668	16%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	30,369	36%	Years Residing in the USA	10 yrs.	
U.S.-born	14,470	34%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	12,164	77%
Immigrant	15,899	37%	Male Participation	8,128	95%
Naturalized Immigrant	3,068	26%	of which, share employed	7,762	95%
Authorized Immigrant	3,994	33%	of employed, share full-time	6,587	85%
Unauthorized Immigrant	8,837	47%	Female Participation	4,036	57%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			of which, share employed	3,590	89%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage (Among 25-64 Year Olds)	24,090	57%	of employed, share full-time	2,291	64%
U.S.-born	8,540	79%	Top 5 Industries	8,958	79%
Immigrant	15,550	49%	Business Services	2,355	21%
Naturalized Immigrant	6,545	73%	Food & Recreational Services	2,175	19%
Authorized Immigrant	4,626	50%	Manufacturing	1,886	17%
Unauthorized Immigrant	4,379	33%	Construction	1,598	14%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	17,406	41%	"Other" Services	944	8%
U.S.-born	6,103	57%	Top 5 Occupations	9,990	88%
Immigrant	11,303	36%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	4,397	39%
Naturalized Immigrant	4,954	55%	Precision, Craft & Repair	2,231	20%
Authorized Immigrant	3,553	39%	Construction	1,504	13%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,796	21%	Transportation & Material Moving	1,119	10%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	3,655	9%	Sales	739	7%
U.S.-born	872	8%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$19,400	
Immigrant	2,783	9%	Male	\$20,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	630	7%	Female	\$19,000	
Authorized Immigrant	809	9%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$10,900	
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,344	10%	Male	\$12,000	
			Female	\$10,600	

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	3,028,332		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	737,605	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	2,035,477	67%	U.S.-born	677,140	92%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	992,855	33%	Immigrant	60,465	8%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	497,958	16%	Unauthorized Immigrant	26,519	4%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	251,304	8%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	420,401	59%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	243,593	8%	of those children, share U.S.-born	365,408	87%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	1,529,093	50%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	143,809	20%
U.S.-born	1,018,113	50%	of those children, share U.S.-born	115,650	80%
Immigrant	510,980	51%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	182,267	26%
Naturalized Immigrant	264,828	53%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	45,982	13%
Authorized Immigrant	126,216	50%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	145,562	35%
Unauthorized Immigrant	119,936	49%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	38,705	18%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	49,231	37%
White, Non-Latino	1,311,627	43%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	80,628	57%
Latino (Any Race)	1,033,416	34%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	243,593	8%
Asian, Non-Latino	552,586	18%	Top Five Countries of Origin	220,848	91%
Black, Non-Latino	43,792	1%	Mexico	184,961	76%
Other, Non-Latino	86,911	3%	Korea	11,682	5%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	2,493,626	88%	Vietnam	10,694	4%
Immigrant	665,105	67%	El Salvador	7,254	3%
Naturalized Immigrant	398,269	80%	Philippines	6,257	3%
Authorized Immigrant	155,491	62%	Female	119,936	49%
Unauthorized Immigrant	111,345	46%	Ethno-Racial Group		
Homeownership	591,214	59%	Latino (Any Race)	201,784	83%
U.S.-born	406,826	64%	Asian, Non-Latino	34,598	14%
Immigrant	184,388	50%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	7,211	3%
Naturalized Immigrant	144,621	65%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Authorized Immigrant	30,948	36%	Age	32 yrs.	
Unauthorized Immigrant	8,819	15%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	599,019	20%	Years Residing in the USA	10 yrs.	
U.S.-born	331,927	16%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	158,774	75%
Immigrant	267,092	27%	Male Participation	99,373	92%
Naturalized Immigrant	84,226	17%	of which, share employed	92,597	93%
Authorized Immigrant	72,473	29%	of employed, share full-time	78,054	84%
Unauthorized Immigrant	110,393	45%	Female Participation	59,401	58%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			of which, share employed	51,329	86%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage (Among 25-64 Year Olds)	1,283,804	78%	of employed, share full-time	33,614	65%
U.S.-born	793,409	88%	Top 5 Industries	107,476	75%
Immigrant	490,395	66%	Food & Recreational Services	27,497	19%
Naturalized Immigrant	308,139	83%	Manufacturing	24,393	17%
Authorized Immigrant	110,750	60%	Business Services	23,635	16%
Unauthorized Immigrant	71,506	39%	Construction	17,917	12%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	947,885	58%	"Other" Services	14,034	10%
U.S.-born	603,984	67%	Top 5 Occupations	118,976	83%
Immigrant	343,901	46%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	52,868	37%
Naturalized Immigrant	218,176	59%	Precision, Craft & Repair	25,516	18%
Authorized Immigrant	77,913	42%	Construction	17,238	12%
Unauthorized Immigrant	47,812	26%	Transportation & Material Moving	12,128	8%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	81,375	5%	Sales	11,226	8%
U.S.-born	28,341	3%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$20,000	
Immigrant	53,034	7%	Male	\$22,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	24,008	6%	Female	\$18,000	
Authorized Immigrant	13,346	7%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$9,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	15,680	9%	Male	\$11,000	
			Female	\$7,200	

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