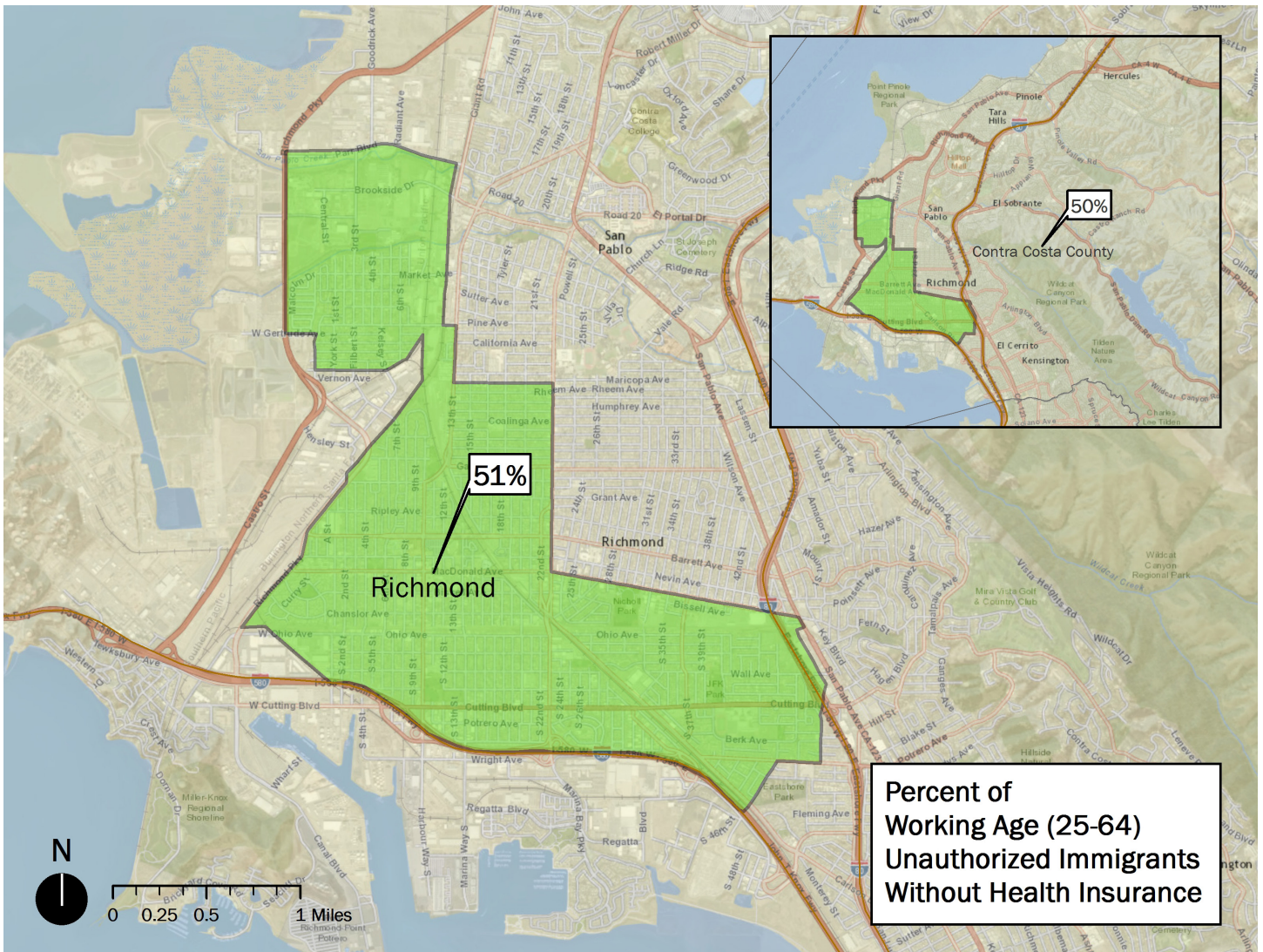


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Why is this fact sheet important?

Richmond 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 Richmond's estimated 47,000 residents than they do among all residents of Contra Costa County (about six percent of approximately one million residents). Furthermore, an estimated 36 percent of all children (78 percent of whom are U.S. citizens) residing in Richmond have at least one unauthorized parent. At the same time, unauthorized immigrants are often deeply rooted in their communities – in Richmond, about half have resided just shy of a decade (nine years) in the USA.

How do the unauthorized fare economically and socially?

Richmond is one of the poorest neighborhoods in the county, but it is also important to point out that the poverty rate among unauthorized immigrants is almost 20 percent higher than that of the native born. Also, about one-half 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?

Richmond hosts a significant proportion of the unauthorized immigrant population, in comparison to the county at large. This is part of a larger pattern: there is a broader immigrant community that resides in Richmond that is intertwined with the unauthorized. For example, 70 percent of all the children in Richmond have at least one immigrant parent. More generally, the data demonstrate that immigrants represent a larger share of the total population in Richmond (some 39 percent) than in Contra Costa County (26 percent). As such, Richmond may be an especially important site to evaluate the medical resources available to immigrants as well as structural impediments to accessing these and other resources needed for successful immigrant integration.

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 49 percent of this working age population is covered in Richmond – rates far below the native born (82 percent) and similar to the average rate for unauthorized adults in the county (50 percent). The most prevalent type of medical insurance coverage is employer sponsored, but still, only 30 percent of the unauthorized have coverage through employers, compared to over one-half of the native born and almost one-third of the unauthorized in the region.

TOTAL POPULATION	47,439		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	12,560	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	28,752	61%	U.S.-born	10,997	88%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	18,687	39%	Immigrant	1,563	12%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	6,252	13%	Unauthorized Immigrant	*	
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	5,931	13%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	8,521	70%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	6,504	14%	of those children, share U.S.-born	7,052	83%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	24,256	51%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	4,357	36%
U.S.-born	14,525	51%	of those children, share U.S.-born	3,401	78%
Immigrant	9,731	52%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	5,771	48%
Naturalized Immigrant	3,310	53%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	1,722	37%
Authorized Immigrant	3,032	51%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	4,376	52%
Unauthorized Immigrant	3,389	52%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	1,288	42%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	1,387	45%
White, Non-Latino	6,873	14%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	2,886	66%
Latino (Any Race)	22,780	48%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	6,504	14%
Asian, Non-Latino	6,396	13%	Top Five Countries of Origin	5,973	92%
Black, Non-Latino	10,265	22%	Mexico	4,520	69%
Other, Non-Latino	1,125	2%	El Salvador	759	12%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	35,311	82%	Guatemala	368	6%
Immigrant	11,015	60%	Philippines	192	3%
Naturalized Immigrant	4,501	73%	China	134	2%
Authorized Immigrant	3,381	57%	Female	3,389	52%
Unauthorized Immigrant	3,133	49%	Ethno-Racial Group		
Homeownership	7,256	45%	Latino (Any Race)	6,001	92%
U.S.-born	3,820	42%	Asian, Non-Latino	401	6%
Immigrant	3,436	48%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	102	2%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,132	67%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Authorized Immigrant	648	34%	Age	31 yrs.	
Unauthorized Immigrant	656	33%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	16,101	34%	Years Residing in the USA	9 yrs.	
U.S.-born	9,710	34%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	4,383	78%
Immigrant	6,391	34%	Male Participation	2,535	93%
Naturalized Immigrant	1,587	25%	of which, share employed	2,253	89%
Authorized Immigrant	1,560	26%	of employed, share full-time	1,925	85%
Unauthorized Immigrant	3,244	50%	Female Participation	1,848	65%
			of which, share employed	1,624	88%
			of employed, share full-time	1,044	64%
			Top 5 Industries	2,934	76%
			Business Services	972	25%
			Construction	722	19%
			Food & Recreational Services	636	16%
			"Other" Services	356	9%
			Transportation, etc.	248	6%
			Top 5 Occupations	3,352	86%
			Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	1,665	43%
			Construction	766	20%
			Precision, Craft & Repair	469	12%
			Executive, Administrative & Managerial	236	6%
			Transportation & Material Moving	216	6%
			Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$25,000	
			Male	\$28,000	
			Female	\$22,900	
			Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	*	
			Male	*	
			Female	*	
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)					
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	18,274	71%			
U.S.-born	9,388	82%			
Immigrant	8,886	63%			
Naturalized Immigrant	3,917	79%			
Authorized Immigrant	2,493	59%			
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,476	49%			
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	12,682	49%			
U.S.-born	6,317	55%			
Immigrant	6,365	45%			
Naturalized Immigrant	2,898	59%			
Authorized Immigrant	1,940	46%			
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,527	30%			
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	3,151	12%			
U.S.-born	1,635	14%			
Immigrant	1,516	11%			
Naturalized Immigrant	423	9%			
Authorized Immigrant	322	8%			
Unauthorized Immigrant	771	15%			

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.

TOTAL POPULATION	1,054,920		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	259,441	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	780,737	74%	U.S.-born	241,329	93%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	274,183	26%	Immigrant	18,112	7%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	144,669	14%	Unauthorized Immigrant	6,665	3%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	68,832	7%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	116,467	46%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	60,682	6%	of those children, share U.S.-born	100,732	86%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	540,770	51%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	35,653	14%
U.S.-born	398,084	51%	of those children, share U.S.-born	28,030	79%
Immigrant	142,686	52%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	54,840	22%
Naturalized Immigrant	78,523	54%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	26,450	16%
Authorized Immigrant	35,259	51%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	30,841	27%
Unauthorized Immigrant	28,904	48%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	9,933	15%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	8,600	24%
White, Non-Latino	503,460	48%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	18,823	53%
Latino (Any Race)	255,160	24%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	60,682	6%
Asian, Non-Latino	154,225	15%	Top Five Countries of Origin	51,650	85%
Black, Non-Latino	90,903	9%	Mexico	39,142	65%
Other, Non-Latino	51,172	5%	El Salvador	4,429	7%
Speaks English Well (among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	916,201	93%	Philippines	3,294	5%
Immigrant	205,789	76%	Guatemala	3,277	5%
Naturalized Immigrant	126,409	88%	India	1,508	2%
Authorized Immigrant	49,602	72%	Female	28,904	48%
Unauthorized Immigrant	29,778	50%	Ethno-Racial Group		
Homeownership	251,710	67%	Latino (Any Race)	49,576	82%
U.S.-born	186,554	69%	Asian, Non-Latino	8,406	14%
Immigrant	65,156	61%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	2,700	4%
Naturalized Immigrant	50,383	75%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Authorized Immigrant	10,773	48%	Age	32 yrs.	
Unauthorized Immigrant	4,000	24%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	181,625	17%	Years Residing in the USA	9 yrs.	
U.S.-born	119,252	15%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	39,207	75%
Immigrant	62,373	23%	Male Participation	25,348	91%
Naturalized Immigrant	20,200	14%	of which, share employed	23,292	92%
Authorized Immigrant	13,780	20%	of employed, share full-time	17,773	76%
Unauthorized Immigrant	28,393	47%	Female Participation	13,859	56%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			of which, share employed	12,189	88%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	491,899	85%	of employed, share full-time	6,879	56%
U.S.-born	337,998	90%	Top 5 Industries	27,275	77%
Immigrant	153,901	76%	Financial Services	7,592	21%
Naturalized Immigrant	94,267	87%	Utilities	6,906	19%
Authorized Immigrant	37,053	74%	Community Services	6,614	19%
Unauthorized Immigrant	22,581	50%	Food & Recreational Services	3,224	9%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	366,893	63%	Wholesale Trade	2,939	8%
U.S.-born	252,684	67%	Top 5 Occupations	29,367	83%
Immigrant	114,209	56%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	15,434	43%
Naturalized Immigrant	72,562	67%	Construction	6,683	19%
Authorized Immigrant	27,404	55%	Transportation & Material Moving	2,591	7%
Unauthorized Immigrant	14,243	31%	Precision, Craft & Repair	2,514	7%
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	35,048	6%	Sales	2,145	6%
U.S.-born	19,166	5%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$24,000	
Immigrant	15,882	8%	Male	\$25,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	5,583	5%	Female	\$20,000	
Authorized Immigrant	3,931	8%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$9,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	6,368	14%	Male	\$10,000	
			Female	\$7,000	

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