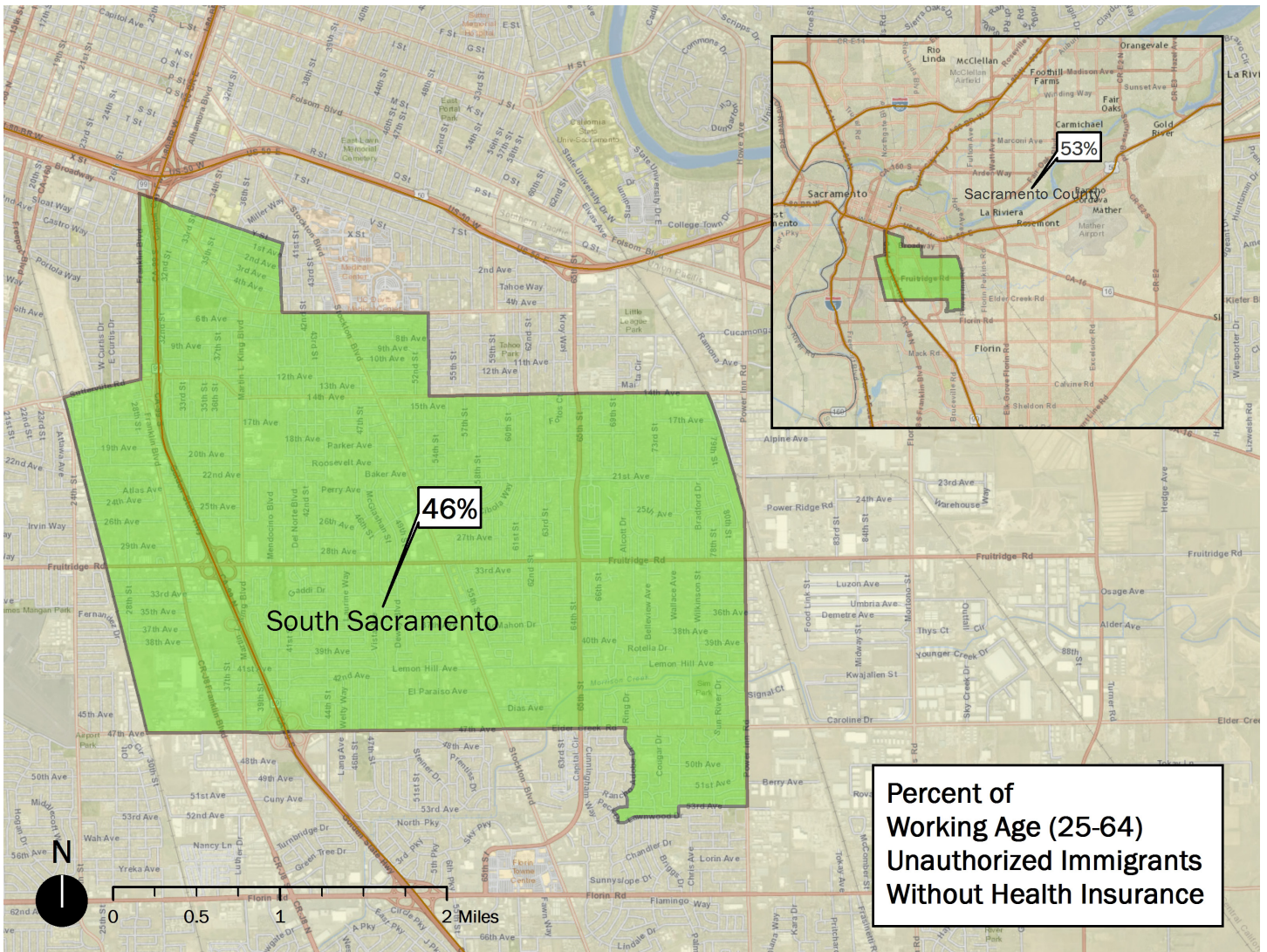


UNAUTHORIZED AND UNINSURED

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Why is this fact sheet important?

South Sacramento 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 (6 percent) of South Sacramento's estimated 77,000 residents than they do among all residents of Sacramento County (about four percent of approximately 1.4 million residents). Furthermore, an estimated 15 percent of all children (70 percent of whom are U.S. citizens) residing in South Sacramento have at least one unauthorized parent. At the same time, unauthorized immigrants are often deeply rooted in their communities – in South Sacramento, about half have resided just shy of a decade (eight years) in the USA.

How do the unauthorized fare economically and socially?

South Sacramento is one of the poorest neighborhoods in the county, and the poverty rate for unauthorized immigrants is 24 percent higher than that of the native born. Also, over one-half 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?

The unauthorized are at a greater disadvantage in South Sacramento than in the county, with slightly lower levels of homeownership and English proficiency. The more interesting story is the difference in diversity between unauthorized migrants in the site and the surrounding county. While Mexican-origin individuals make up the largest share of both South Sacramento and the county's unauthorized population, the remainder of the unauthorized population in the site is relatively less diverse compared to the county where a significant share of the county's unauthorized residents (14 percent) are neither Latino nor Asian.

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 54 percent of this working age population is covered in South Sacramento – rates far below the native born (83 percent) yet higher than the average rate for unauthorized adults in the county (47 percent). The most common type of medical insurance coverage is employer sponsored, but still, only 17 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 county.

TOTAL POPULATION	77,323		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	18,895	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	58,849	76%	U.S.-born	17,390	92%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	18,474	24%	Immigrant	1,505	8%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	8,629	11%	Unauthorized Immigrant	779	4%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	5,300	7%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	8,403	47%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	4,545	6%	of those children, share U.S.-born	6,955	83%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	39,522	51%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	2,762	15%
U.S.-born	30,206	51%	of those children, share U.S.-born	1,926	70%
Immigrant	9,316	50%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	8,615	48%
Naturalized Immigrant	4,668	54%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	4,219	39%
Authorized Immigrant	2,483	47%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	4,845	58%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,165	48%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	1,962	46%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	1,761	60%
White, Non-Latino	28,161	36%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	2,115	77%
Latino (Any Race)	21,437	28%			
Asian, Non-Latino	13,265	17%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	4,545	6%
Black, Non-Latino	8,741	11%	Top Five Countries of Origin	4,086	90%
Other, Non-Latino	5,719	7%	Mexico	3,347	74%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	65,165	90%	Vietnam	303	7%
Immigrant	11,474	63%	Philippines	173	4%
Naturalized Immigrant	6,114	72%	Guatemala	155	3%
Authorized Immigrant	3,272	62%	Korea	108	2%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,088	46%	Female	2,165	48%
Homeownership	15,052	52%	Ethno-Racial Group		
U.S.-born	11,553	54%	Latino (Any Race)	3,514	77%
Immigrant	3,499	46%	Asian, Non-Latino	810	18%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,645	60%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	221	5%
Authorized Immigrant	597	33%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Unauthorized Immigrant	257	20%	Age	29 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	27,425	36%	Age First Arrived in Country	21 yrs.	
U.S.-born	19,412	33%	Years Residing in the USA	8 yrs.	
Immigrant	8,013	43%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	2,733	75%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,516	29%	Male Participation	1,917	93%
Authorized Immigrant	2,919	55%	of which, share employed	1,655	86%
Unauthorized Immigrant	2,578	57%	of employed, share full-time	1,185	72%
			Female Participation	816	51%
			of which, share employed	707	87%
			of employed, share full-time	276	39%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			Top 5 Industries	1,999	85%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	31,442	78%	Food & Recreational Services	735	31%
U.S.-born	22,756	83%	Construction	431	18%
Immigrant	8,686	67%	Business Services	378	16%
Naturalized Immigrant	4,552	71%	Retail Trade	294	12%
Authorized Immigrant	2,477	69%	Manufacturing	161	7%
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,657	54%	Top 5 Occupations	2,194	93%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	19,600	48%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	1,095	46%
U.S.-born	15,099	55%	Precision, Craft & Repair	423	18%
Immigrant	4,501	35%	Construction	321	14%
Naturalized Immigrant	2,926	46%	Sales	182	8%
Authorized Immigrant	1,057	30%	Transportation & Material Moving	173	7%
Unauthorized Immigrant	518	17%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$20,000	
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	6,214	15%	Male	\$21,000	
U.S.-born	3,078	11%	Female	\$9,000	
Immigrant	3,136	24%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$12,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	872	14%	Male	\$13,200	
Authorized Immigrant	1,212	34%	Female	\$8,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	1,052	34%			

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	1,408,824		CHILD POPULATION (< 18 YEARS OLD)	362,131	
Nativity and Legal Status			Nativity and Legal Status		
U.S.-born (U.S. Citizen)	1,100,051	78%	U.S.-born	337,806	93%
Foreign-born ("Immigrant")	308,773	22%	Immigrant	24,325	7%
Naturalized Immigrant (U.S. Citizen)	165,918	12%	Unauthorized Immigrant	9,258	3%
Authorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	81,580	6%	Resides with at Least One Immigrant Parent⁴	143,828	41%
Unauthorized Immigrant (Non-U.S. Citizen)	61,275	4%	of those children, share U.S.-born	121,408	84%
Female (For Each Nativity Group)	724,435	51%	Resides with at Least One Unauthorized Immigrant Parent⁴	39,453	11%
U.S.-born	564,379	51%	of those children, share U.S.-born	29,277	74%
Immigrant	160,056	52%	Child Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)⁴	125,669	36%
Naturalized Immigrant	89,646	54%	Resides with ≥ 1 U.S.-born Parent	69,288	30%
Authorized Immigrant	41,960	51%	Resides with ≥ 1 Immigrant Parent	62,288	44%
Unauthorized Immigrant	28,450	46%	Resides with ≥ 1 Naturalized Parent	24,831	30%
Ethno-Racial Group			Resides with ≥ 1 Authorized Immigrant Parent	22,525	50%
White, Non-Latino	680,625	48%	Resides with ≥ 1 Unauthorized Immigrant Parent	26,018	66%
Latino (Any Race)	301,426	21%			
Asian, Non-Latino	206,532	15%	UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION	61,275	4%
Black, Non-Latino	132,310	9%	Top Five Countries of Origin	47,327	77%
Other, Non-Latino	87,931	6%	Mexico	38,174	62%
Speaks English Well (Among Those Age ≥ 5 Years Old)¹	1,210,242	92%	Philippines	2,957	5%
Immigrant	214,998	70%	Ukraine	2,697	4%
Naturalized Immigrant	132,992	81%	Vietnam	1,896	3%
Authorized Immigrant	52,176	64%	India	1,603	3%
Unauthorized Immigrant	29,830	49%	Female	28,450	46%
Homeownership	295,840	57%	Ethno-Racial Group		
U.S.-born	231,270	58%	Latino (Any Race)	42,093	69%
Immigrant	64,570	53%	Asian, Non-Latino	10,672	17%
Naturalized Immigrant	49,866	65%	Other (White, Black, Other Non-Latino)	8,510	14%
Authorized Immigrant	11,156	39%	Age and Time in Country (Medians)		
Unauthorized Immigrant	3,548	22%	Age	30 yrs.	
Poverty (Family Income < 150% of Poverty Line)²	376,785	27%	Age First Arrived in Country	20 yrs.	
U.S.-born	269,881	25%	Years Residing in the USA	8 yrs.	
Immigrant	106,904	35%	Labor Force Participation (Age 18-64 Years Old)	37,740	74%
Naturalized Immigrant	38,578	23%	Male Participation	25,285	92%
Authorized Immigrant	34,501	42%	of which, share employed	21,681	86%
Unauthorized Immigrant	33,825	55%	of employed, share full-time	16,720	77%
			Female Participation	12,455	53%
			of which, share employed	10,724	86%
			of employed, share full-time	6,020	56%
INSURANCE/COVERAGE FOR WORKING AGE POPULATION (25-64)			Top 5 Industries	24,251	75%
Has Medical Insurance Coverage	613,376	82%	Food & Recreational Services	6,865	21%
U.S.-born	455,876	86%	Business Services	5,677	18%
Immigrant	157,500	72%	Construction	5,674	18%
Naturalized Immigrant	99,308	82%	Retail Trade	3,332	10%
Authorized Immigrant	38,318	67%	"Other" Services	2,703	8%
Unauthorized Immigrant	19,874	47%	Top 5 Occupations	26,648	82%
Has Employer-Sponsored Medical Insurance Coverage	417,037	56%	Food, Health, Protective & Other Service	13,562	42%
U.S.-born	318,105	60%	Construction	5,481	17%
Immigrant	98,932	45%	Precision, Craft & Repair	3,289	10%
Naturalized Immigrant	67,632	56%	Transportation & Material Moving	2,539	8%
Authorized Immigrant	21,448	38%	Sales	1,777	5%
Unauthorized Immigrant	9,852	23%	Annual Earnings among Full-Time Workers (Median)	\$20,800	
Has Low-Income Government Insurance or Assistance (e.g., Medi-Cal)³	80,264	11%	Male	\$22,000	
U.S.-born	46,805	9%	Female	\$19,200	
Immigrant	33,459	15%	Annual Earnings among Part-Time Workers (Median)	\$10,000	
Naturalized Immigrant	13,660	11%	Male	\$10,000	
Authorized Immigrant	11,537	20%	Female	\$10,000	
Unauthorized Immigrant	8,262	19%			

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