

# The High Stake in Immigration Reform for Our Communities | Central Valley

## DID YOU KNOW?

Nearly 1 in 4 undocumented heads of households are homeowners.

## How many and who is affected?

**THERE ARE 332,000 UNDOCUMENTED CALIFORNIANS IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY.**

That's 8% of residents, 10% of adults, and 11% of the workforce.

**NEARLY 1 IN 5 CENTRAL VALLEY KIDS HAVE AT LEAST ONE UNDOCUMENTED PARENT.**

83% of kids with an undocumented parent are citizens – that's 186,000 children or 16% of the Central Valley's kids.

## How will the economic impact be good for the Central Valley's economy?

**AUTHORIZATION WITH A ROADMAP TO CITIZENSHIP WOULD BRING A \$474-\$821 MILLION BOOST IN THE ANNUAL INCOME OF THE CURRENTLY UNDOCUMENTED.**

This will result in, for example, more clothes for the kids, higher end purchases at the grocery store, and eventual home purchases. Lower-income undocumented Californians will cause these ripple effects that grow local economies because they are more likely to spend than save.

**AUTHORIZATION WITH A ROADMAP TO CITIZENSHIP WOULD YIELD A 14-25% BOOST IN INCOME.**

Boosts are based on studies that take into consideration other factors influencing income gains.

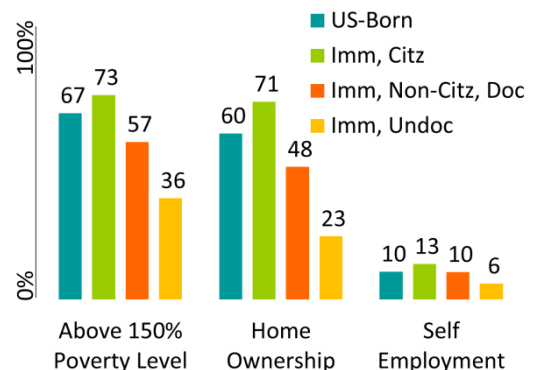
**THIS WOULD BENEFIT CENTRAL VALLEY KIDS SINCE 76% OF KIDS WITH AN UNDOCUMENTED PARENT LIVE IN POVERTY.**

This is compared to the 38% poverty rate for kids with US-born parents in the Central Valley.

## Why does citizenship matter?

**CITIZEN IMMIGRANTS TYPICALLY OUTPERFORM OTHER IMMIGRANTS AND THE US-BORN.**

Statewide and regional bodies on integration will be needed to increase naturalization, among other things.



## What should happen the day after reform?

**RESOURCES FOR IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION NEED TO BE INCLUDED IN REFORM AND SHOULD BE TARGETED TO AREAS THAT WILL MAKE IMMIGRANTS MORE PRODUCTIVE:**

English Language Instruction: Only 35% speak English well but there is a great desire to learn.

Health Insurance: Only 41% of working-age undocumented immigrants have health insurance.

Adult Education: 78% of the undocumented are in need of high school education and beyond.

**Getting reform right will help us get the Central Valley's future right.**



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