

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

## DID YOU KNOW?

Despite the high tech industry, about 3 in 4 undocumented have not moved beyond a high school education.

## How many and who is affected?

**THERE ARE 174,000 UNDOCUMENTED CALIFORNIANS IN THE SILICON VALLEY.**

That's 7% of residents, 8% of adults, and 8% of the workforce.

**NEARLY 1 IN 7 OF ALL SILICON VALLEY KIDS HAVE AT LEAST ONE UNDOCUMENTED PARENT.**

77% of kids with an undocumented parent are citizens – that's 62,000 children or 10% of the region's kids.

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

**AUTHORIZATION WITH A ROADMAP TO CITIZENSHIP WOULD BRING A \$383-\$663 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.

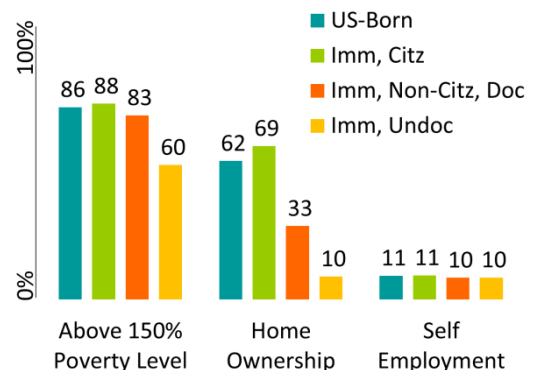
**THIS WOULD BENEFIT THE SILICON VALLEY'S KIDS SINCE 47% OF KIDS WITH AN UNDOCUMENTED PARENT LIVE IN POVERTY.**

This is compared to the 13% poverty rate for kids with US-born parents in the Silicon Valley.

## Why does citizenship matter?

**CITIZEN IMMIGRANTS OFTEN 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 49% speak English well but there is a great desire to learn.

Health Insurance: Only 56% of working-age undocumented immigrants have health insurance.

Adult Education: 54% of the undocumented are in need of high school education and beyond.

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



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