

# A DETAILED LOOK AT THE UNAUTHORIZED POPULATION NATIONALLY AND BY STATE



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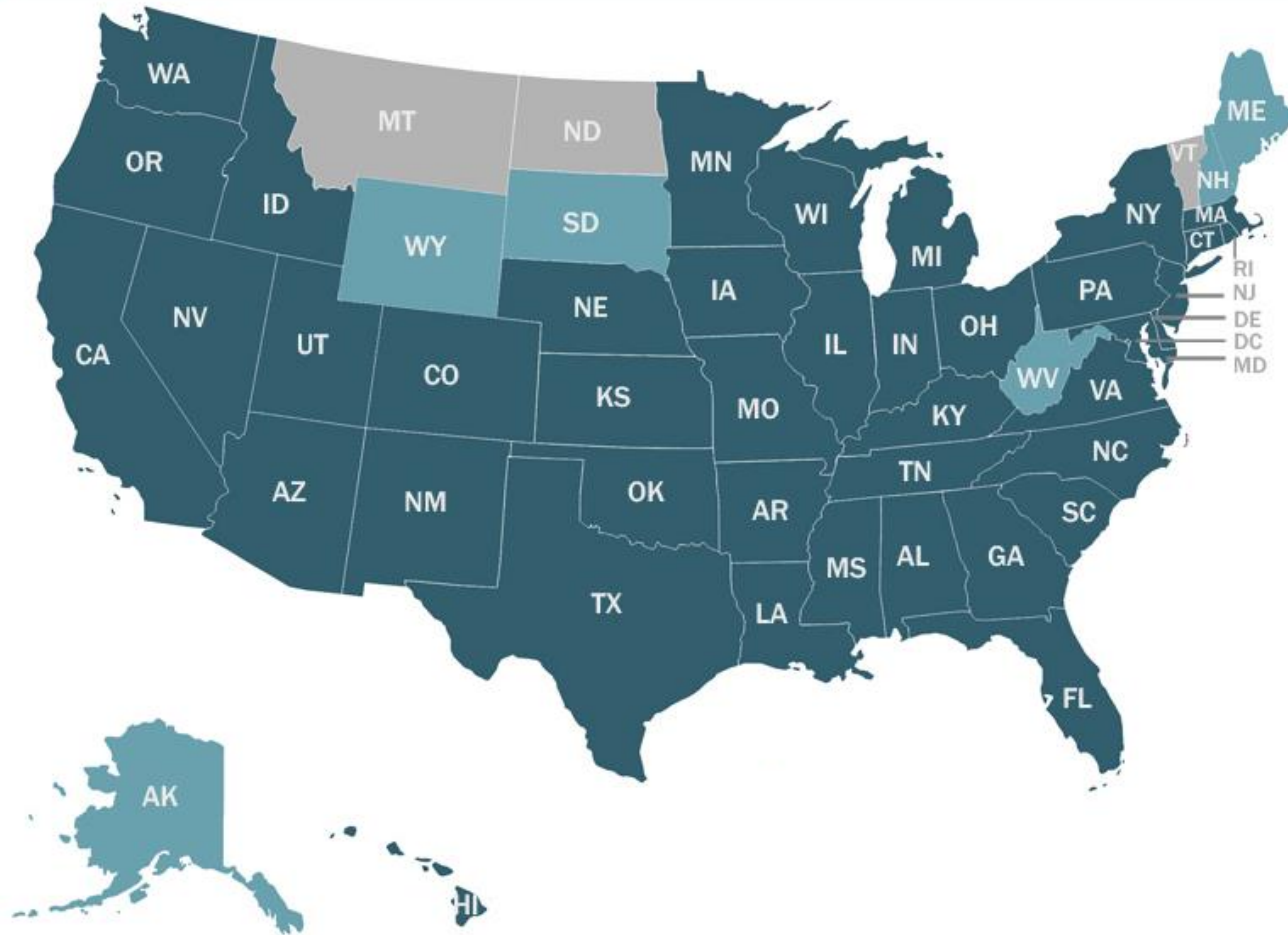
- James Bachmeier at Temple University, Philadelphia analyzed the data on legal status of immigrants that provide the basis for these estimates.
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# Overview

- Our new data tool offers a detailed profile of the 11.4 million unauthorized immigrants in the U.S.
- The tool includes sub-national data:
  - Topline numbers for U.S., 47 states, and D.C.
  - Detailed profiles for U.S., 41 states, and D.C.
  - Topline numbers + detailed profiles coming soon for 95 counties in 22 states

# States with Estimates and Profiles





# Methodology

- We used U.S. Census Bureau 2008 Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) to assign legal status to cases in the 2008-2012 American Community Survey (ACS).
- SIPP asks people if they have LPR status (aka green card); we assigned LPR status to those with similar characteristics (origin country, age, etc.) in the ACS.
- We excluded people with temporary legal status (students, H-1Bs, TPS) from unauthorized population.



# Elements Included in Profiles

- **Demographic characteristics**
  - Top countries/regions of birth
  - Years of U.S. residence
  - Age/gender
  - Marital and parental status
- **Education and language**
  - School enrollment of children and youth
  - Educational attainment of adults
  - English proficiency
  - Top languages spoken
- **Economic characteristics**
  - Employment and top industries
  - Income levels
  - Access to health insurance
  - Home ownership





# A Tour of the Tool

# Selected Findings: Unauthorized Population

- Top 10 States: Unauthorized Population

<b>United States</b>	<b>11,403,000</b>
<b>California</b>	<b>3,166,000</b>
<b>Texas</b>	<b>1,464,000</b>
<b>New York</b>	<b>873,000</b>
<b>Florida</b>	<b>632,000</b>
<b>Illinois</b>	<b>560,000</b>
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>528,000</b>
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>398,000</b>
<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>354,000</b>
<b>Arizona</b>	<b>274,000</b>
<b>Virginia</b>	<b>246,000</b>

# Selected Findings: Countries of Origin

- Top 5 Countries of Origin

<b>United States</b>	<b>11,403,000</b>
<b>Mexico</b>	<b>6,614,000</b>
<b>Guatemala</b>	<b>652,000</b>
<b>El Salvador</b>	<b>375,000</b>
<b>Honduras</b>	<b>284,000</b>
<b>China</b>	<b>268,000</b>

# Selected Findings: Years of Residency

- New settlement states: highest % unauthorized with < 5 years U.S. residency

<b>United States</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Hawaii</b>	<b>39%</b>
<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b>District of Columbia</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Maryland</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Virginia</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Alabama</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Massachusetts</b>	<b>30%</b>

# Selected Findings: Years of Residency

- Old settlement states: highest % unauthorized with > 10 years U.S. residency

<b>United States</b>	<b>48%</b>
<b>California</b>	<b>56%</b>
<b>Illinois</b>	<b>56%</b>
<b>Arizona</b>	<b>54%</b>
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>53%</b>
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>52%</b>
<b>New Mexico</b>	<b>51%</b>
<b>Texas</b>	<b>51%</b>
<b>Idaho</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Nevada</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>Kansas</b>	<b>48%</b>

# Selected Findings: Education

- Most educated: highest % unauthorized with high school degrees or greater

<b>United States</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>Hawaii</b>	<b>77%</b>
<b>Massachusetts</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>District of Columbia</b>	<b>67%</b>
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>Connecticut</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>Virginia</b>	<b>64%</b>
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>64%</b>
<b>Florida</b>	<b>62%</b>
<b>Maryland</b>	<b>60%</b>

# Selected Findings: Education

- Least educated: highest % unauthorized with 8<sup>th</sup> grade education or less

<b>United States</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>Idaho</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>43%</b>
<b>New Mexico</b>	<b>43%</b>
<b>Oklahoma</b>	<b>42%</b>
<b>Texas</b>	<b>39%</b>
<b>Kansas</b>	<b>39%</b>
<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>39%</b>
<b>California</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>38%</b>

# Selected Findings: Health Insurance

- Highest % unauthorized *with* health insurance coverage

United States	37%
Hawaii	80%
Massachusetts	75%
District of Columbia	74%
Michigan	51%
Minnesota	49%
Pennsylvania	48%
New York	46%
Ohio	42%
Washington	42%
Iowa	42%



# Selected Findings: Health Insurance

- Highest % unauthorized *without* health insurance

United States	63%
Mississippi	79%
South Carolina	78%
New Mexico	77%
Louisiana	77%
Georgia	76%
North Carolina	76%
Tennessee	76%
Texas	75%
Oklahoma	75%
Alabama	74%

# Selected Findings: Unauthorized Parents

- Highest % unauthorized parents (of children under 18)

	Of U.S. citizens	Of noncitizens
<b>United States</b>	30%	6%
<b>Idaho</b>	41%	8%
<b>Utah</b>	39%	7%
<b>Oregon</b>	37%	6%
<b>Kansas</b>	37%	8%
<b>Texas</b>	36%	6%
<b>Iowa</b>	36%	5%
<b>Nebraska</b>	36%	7%
<b>Colorado</b>	36%	6%
<b>Oklahoma</b>	35%	6%
<b>Arkansas</b>	35%	6%

# Selected Findings: Unauthorized Parents

- Lowest % unauthorized parents (children under 18)

	Of U.S. citizens	Of noncitizens
<b>United States</b>	30%	6%
<b>Washington, DC</b>	15%	5%
<b>Hawaii</b>	17%	8%
<b>Massachusetts</b>	20%	6%
<b>Louisiana</b>	20%	6%
<b>Mississippi</b>	22%	7%
<b>Maryland</b>	22%	7%
<b>Connecticut</b>	23%	7%
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	23%	7%
<b>Virginia</b>	23%	7%
<b>Florida</b>	24%	7%

# Selected Findings: Top Industries

- Highest % unauthorized construction workers

<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Oklahoma</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Alabama</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Maryland</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>17%</b>

# Selected Findings: Top Industries

- Highest % unauthorized agricultural workers

<b>Idaho</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Washington</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Iowa</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>California</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>5%</b>



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