

Immigration Reform

Working towards a fair and humane path to Citizenship



Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles

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The Nation's Aspiring Americans

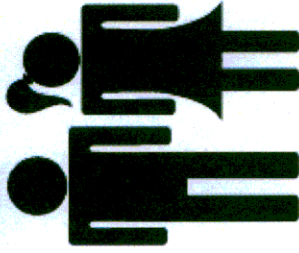
- Nationally, there are an estimated **11 million** undocumented immigrants in the United States who are working within and contributing to our economy
- In California there are an estimated **2.6 million** undocumented immigrants
- Immigrants are **34%** of the California's workforce
 - **9%** of the workforce in unauthorized
- Immigrants in California contribute **33%** to the State's Domestic GDP

NEW AMERICANS IN CALIFORNIA



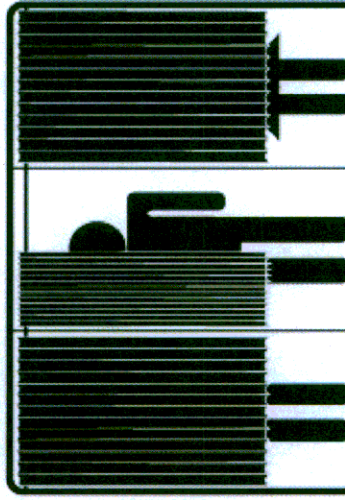
27.2% of Californians are foreign born.

50.8% of Californians are Latino or Asian.



45.6% of immigrants in the state are eligible to vote.

28.9% of registered voters are New Americans.



California has 94,279 foreign students who contribute **\$2.8 billion** to the state economy.

32.1% of foreign-born adults have a bachelor's degree or higher.



Asian-owned businesses in California have sales and receipts of **\$181.3 billion**.

Latino-owned businesses in California have sales and receipts of **\$80.3 billion**.

Immigrants are **34.6%** of the state's workforce. **9.7%** of the workforce is unauthorized.

The purchasing power of California's Latino population and Asian population, respectively, is **\$265.2 billion** and **\$171.7 billion**.



90.4% of California's children with immigrant parents are U.S. citizens. **81%** of children with immigrant parents are English proficient.



DID YOU KNOW? California would lose **\$301.6 billion** in economic activity if unauthorized immigrants were removed.

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Immigration Locally

- Los Angeles County is home to nearly **1 million** undocumented immigrants
- **11%** of the Los Angeles County workforce is undocumented
- **20%** of children in Los Angeles County have **at least one** undocumented parent
- According to the 2010 Census, the city of Pasadena was made up of **31% of foreign born persons**

Current State of Enforcement

- The U.S. spent nearly **18 billion dollars** on immigration enforcement last year
 - **More than all other federal law enforcement agencies combined**
- Since 2008 almost **2 million** people have been deported
- In one year, California deported nearly **90,000** people under the Secure Communities program

Our Communities Deserve a Chance

- Calling on Congress to pass a bi-partisan immigration reform bill that provides a **fair and humane path to citizenship**
- Creating immigration reform legislation without crafting a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants creates a permanent second class status for these **Aspiring Americans**
- Undocumented immigrants are already contributing to the country but can contribute so much more with a legal status

The Economic Benefits of Immigration Reform with a pathway to citizenship

- According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO),
In the first 10 years of enacting immigration reform, immigrants will **reduce the national deficit by 150 billion dollars**
- Enacting reform would **increase federal revenues by \$459 billion over the 2014–2023 period**

The Real Estate Market:

- **Citizenship matters to homeowners.**
- Only **17%** of undocumented Californians own a home compared to **36%** of non-naturalized, **documented immigrants** and **64%** of **citizens**



Immigrants are Entrepreneurs

- There are **900,000** immigrants among small business owners in the United States, **18% of the total number of small business owners**
- The business ownership rate is higher for immigrants than the native-born, with **10.5% of the immigrant work force owning a business** compared with 9.3% of the native-born work force
- **Roughly one out of ten immigrant workers owns a business**

Citizenship Means...

- Access to “good jobs” and higher wages
- The ability to use earned professional degrees
- Access to financial services to help jumpstart small businesses
- Access to educational benefits for DREAMers and beyond
- Better worker protection and fewer cases of wage theft and worker intimidation
- **Living without fear of deportation**

Pasadena: A Diverse Community ready to support reform

- Pasadena is a leading city in the State with a **Population of 137,122**
- Pasadena is an ethnically diverse community:
 - **33% Latino**
 - **13.4% African-American**
 - **12.7% Asian**
- The proportion of those speaking a language other than English at home is **44.9%**
 - **16.6% of those do not speak English well**
- **60% of Pasadena Unified School District student body is Latino**

