

Results of Tom K. Wong, United We Dream, National Immigration Law Center, and Center for American Progress National Survey

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n = 1,308

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Methodology

The survey questionnaire was administered to an online panel of DACA recipients recruited by the partner organizations. Several steps were taken to adjust for the known sources of bias that result from such online panels. To prevent ballot stuffing—one person submitting multiple responses—the authors did not offer an incentive to respondents for taking the questionnaire and used a state-of-the-art online survey platform that does not allow one IP address to submit multiple responses. To prevent spoiled ballots—meaning people responding who are not unauthorized—the authors used a unique validation test for unauthorized status. Multiple questions were asked about each respondent’s migratory history. These questions were asked at different parts of the questionnaire, and some questions were repeated but posed using different wording. If there was agreement in the answers such that there was consistency with respect to the respondent’s migratory history, the respondent was kept in the resulting pool of respondents. If not, the respondent was excluded. In order to recruit respondents outside of the networks of the partner organizations, Facebook ads were also used to recruit respondents. Because there is no phone book of unauthorized immigrants and given the nature of online opt-in surveys, it is not possible to construct a valid margin of error.

Applying for DACA

Check all that apply. DID YOU RECEIVE ANY ASSISTANCE WHEN YOU APPLIED FOR DACA?

No, I filed on my own	.....	30.9%
I attended an information session put on by an organization, but I filed on my own	.....	35.2
I applied with the assistance of an organization	.....	23.8
I applied with the assistance of an attorney/immigration lawyer	.....	42.9

Note: sums do not add to 100 because respondents can select more than one option.

Impact of DACA

Check all that apply. After my DACA application was approved, I...

EMPLOYMENT

Got my first job	.....	42.5%
Got a job with better pay	.....	62.5
Got a job that better fits my education and training	.....	48.9
Got a job that better fits my long-term career goals	.....	47.7
Got a job with improved work conditions	.....	47.5

Check all that apply. After my DACA application was approved, I...

EARNINGS

Have been able to earn more money, which has helped me become financially independent	.....	60.2%
Have been able to earn more money, which has helped my family financially	.....	61.2

Check all that apply. After my DACA application was approved, I...

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Started my own business	.....	5.5%
Bought my first car	.....	54.1
Purchased car insurance		92.9
Purchased new car		28.8
Purchased used car		71.1
Average cost of new car		\$24,303
Average cost of used car		\$10,637
Bought a home	.....	12.1
Average cost of home		\$167,596
Paid off some/all of my student loans	.....	14.4

Check all that apply. After my DACA application was approved, I...

SOCIAL INCLUSION

Got my driver's license OR a state identification card for the first time	.....	90.1%
Average cost of driver's license		\$35
Average cost of identification card		\$28
Opened a bank account	.....	47.3
Got my first credit card	.....	57.1
Obtained health insurance	.....	65.9%
Did not obtain health insurance	.....	32.2
No response	.....	1.9

Check all that apply. After my DACA application was approved, I...

EDUCATION

Pursued educational opportunities that I previously could not	.....	60.7%
Haven't pursued more education yet, but I plan to	.....	36.9
Don't plan to pursue more education	.....	3.8

Labor Market Contributions of DACA Recipients

Are you CURRENTLY EMPLOYED?

Yes	.....	86.9%
No	.....	13.1
No response	.....	0.0

Are you BILINGUAL?

Yes	.....	97.0%
No	.....	2.8
No response	.....	0.2

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "MY BEING BILINGUAL HAS BEEN AN ASSET TO MY EMPLOYER."

Strongly agree	.....	74.5%
Agree	.....	14.1
Neither agree nor disagree	.....	8.3
Disagree	.....	1.5
Strongly disagree	.....	0.4
Not applicable	.....	0.9
No response	.....	0.4

Note: n = 1,108 bilingual respondents who are currently employed

In what INDUSTRY are you employed?

Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting	.....	0.7%
Mining	.....	0.0
Construction	.....	3.3
Manufacturing	.....	4.7
Wholesale and retail trade	.....	8.6
Transportation and utilities	.....	2.0
Information	.....	1.6
Financial activities	.....	4.1
Professional and business services	.....	7.6
Educational and health services	.....	21.3
Leisure and hospitality	.....	5.2
Other services	.....	6.9
Public sector	.....	2.5

Non-profit sector	.....	10.9
Other	.....	20.4

Note: n = 1,137 respondents who are currently employed.

Were you EMPLOYED BEFORE DACA?

Yes	51.3%
No	48.1
No response	0.6
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Average hourly wage before DACA	\$9.83
Average hourly wage now	\$13.96
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% increase in wages	42.0%

Demographics

What STATE do you currently live in? (TOP 5)

California	.....	25.8%
Texas	.....	11.8
New York	.....	6.4
Illinois	.....	6.4
Florida	.....	5.5
West	.....	39.8%
Midwest	.....	13.9
South	.....	33.6
Northeast	.....	12.7

What is your AGE?

15	.....	0.1%
16	.....	0.5
17	.....	1.5
18	.....	4.5
19	.....	4.9
20	.....	5.4
21	.....	6.9
22	.....	6.7
23	.....	7.9
24	.....	7.2
25	.....	8.3
26	.....	8.1
27	.....	6.9
28	.....	7.9
29	.....	5.7
30	.....	5.7
31	.....	3.8
32	.....	3.2
33	.....	2.5
34	.....	2.1
35	.....	0.2
Average and Median Age	.....	25

What is your RACE/ETHNICITY

White	.....	1.3%
Black	.....	2.1
Hispanic/Latino	.....	90.1
Asian or Pacific Islander	.....	4.7
Other	.....	4.7
No response	.....	0.2

How do you describe yourself? GENDER IDENTITY

Male	.....	32.7%
Female	.....	66.4
Do not identify as male, female, or transgender	.....	0.6
No response	.....	0.3

Do you think of yourself as... (please select all that apply) LGBTQ IDENTITY

Straight	.....	89.5%
Gay or lesbian	.....	5.4
Bisexual	.....	4.9
Transgender, transsexual, or gender non-conforming	.....	0.9
No response	.....	0.3

Note: sums do not add to 100 because respondents can select more than one option.

What is the HIGHEST DEGREE OR LEVEL OF SCHOOL YOU HAVE COMPLETED? If you are currently enrolled in school, what is the highest degree you have received thus far?

General Education Development (GED)	.....	2.4%
High-school diploma	.....	23.3
Some college	.....	25.8
Associate's degree	.....	16.4
Trade/technical/vocational training	.....	3.3
Bachelor's degree	.....	21.5
Master's degree	.....	4.2
Professional degree above a master's degree	0.3
Doctorate degree	0.2

No response	2.9
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Are you CURRENTLY IN SCHOOL?

Yes	46.4%
No	53.4
No response	0.2

What DEGREE are you currently pursuing?

General Education Development (GED)	.....	0.3%
High-school diploma	.....	3.3
Associate's degree	.....	20.4
Trade/technical/vocational training	.....	4.1
Bachelor's degree	.....	55.4
Master's degree	.....	11.2
Professional degree above a master's degree	.....	0.7
Doctorate degree	.....	2.5
No response	.....	2.1

Note: n = 607 respondents who are currently in school.

Impact on Civic Participation

Do you have an IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER, MEANING A PARENT, SIBLING, SPOUSE, OR CHILD, WHO IS A U.S. CITIZEN AND IS 18 YEARS OR OLDER?

Yes	.....	40.8%
No	.....	57.7
No response	.....	1.5

Are any of your IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE U.S. CITIZENS AND ARE 18 YEARS OR OLDER REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Yes	.....	79.9%
No	.....	19.5
No response	.....	0.6

Note: n = 534 respondents with immediate family members who are U.S. citizens and are 18 years or older.