

Results from Tom K. Wong¹ et al., 2017 National DACA Study

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$n = 3,063$

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Methodology

The questionnaire was administered to an online panel of DACA recipients recruited by the partner organizations. Several steps were taken to account 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 undocumented—the authors used a unique validation test for undocumented status. Multiple questions were asked about each respondent’s migratory history. These questions were asked at different parts of the questionnaire. When repeated, the questions were posed using different wording. If there was agreement in the answers such that there was consistency regarding 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. Because there is no phone book of undocumented immigrants, and given the nature of online opt-in surveys, it is not possible to construct a valid margin of error.

Economic Integration

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

(*n* = 3,063)

		≥ 25	Urban	Rural
Got my first job	54.2%	35.3%	53.6%	63.8%
Got a job with better pay	68.5%	77.7%	68.6%	66.1%
Got a job that better fits my education and training	54.2%	59.6%	54.3%	50.3%
Got a job that better fits my long-term career goals	53.9%	61.4%	53.9%	51.4%
Got a job with health insurance or other benefits	57.3%	66.9%	56.9%	61.0%
Got a job with improved work conditions	56.2%	64.4%	56.2%	55.9%
Started my own business	5.4%	7.9%	5.3%	5.1%
I have been able to earn more money, which has helped me become financially independent	69.0%	73.4%	69.1%	66.1%
I have been able to earn more money, which has helped my family financially	70.8%	73.7%	71.0%	69.5%
Opened a bank account	61.0%	47.3%	60.5%	68.9%
Got my first credit card	65.7%	67.9%	66.4%	57.6%
Bought my first car	64.5%	67.2%	64.6%	66.1%
Bought a home	15.7%	23.5%	15.2%	21.5%

Note: percentages do not sum to 100 as individuals may select all that apply. *n* = 1,662 for all respondents 25 years and older. *n* = 3,002 for which urban-rural data are available: *n* = 2,825 for urban respondents; *n* = 177 for rural respondents.

Are you currently employed?

(*n* = 3,063)

		≥ 25	Urban	Rural
Yes	91.4%	93.3%	91.4%	90.9%
No	8.6%	6.7%	8.6%	9.0%
No response	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. *n* = 1,662 for all respondents 25 years and older. *n* = 3,002 for which urban-rural data are available: *n* = 2,825 for urban respondents; *n* = 177 for rural respondents.

..... **Please indicate your average hourly wage OR annual salary.**

(*n* = 2,800, which represents the 91.4% of all respondents who are currently employed)

		≥ 25	|	Urban	Rural
Average hourly wage	\$17.46	\$20.05		\$17.67	\$15.11
Median hourly wage	\$15.34	\$17.90		\$15.50	\$14.00
Average annual earnings	\$36,231.91	\$41,621.48		\$36,482.76	\$31,858.84
Median annual earnings	\$32,000.00	\$37,595.03		\$32,000.00	\$29,000.00

Note: *n* = 1,551 for respondents 25 years and older and currently employed. *n* = 2,743 for respondents who are currently employed and for which urban-rural data are available. Figures exclude the bottom 1st and top 99th percentiles.

..... **On average, how many hours do you work per week?**

(*n* = 2,800, which represents the 91.4% of all respondents who are currently employed)

		≥ 25	|	Urban	Rural
Average hours worked per week	37.9	39.9		37.9	38.8
Median hours worked per week	40.0	40.0		40.0	40.0

Note: *n* = 1,551 for respondents 25 years and older and currently employed. *n* = 2,743 for respondents who are currently employed and for which urban-rural data are available. Figures exclude the bottom 1st and top 99th percentiles.

..... **Were you employed before DACA?**

(*n* = 2,800, which represents the 91.4% of all respondents who are currently employed)

		≥ 25	|	Urban	Rural
Yes	43.9%	60.7%		44.4%	39.1%
No	55.9%	38.9%		55.7%	60.9%
No response	0.3%	0.4%		0.0%	0.0%

Note: *n* = 1,551 for respondents 25 years and older and currently employed. *n* = 2,743 for respondents who are currently employed and for which urban-rural data are available. Figures exclude the bottom 1st and top 99th percentiles.

..... **Please indicate your average hourly wage OR annual salary before DACA.**
 (*n* = 1,229, which represents the 43.9% of respondents who are currently employed and were also employed before DACA)

		≥ 25	|	Urban	Rural
Average hourly wage	\$10.29	\$10.87		\$10.37	\$9.29
Median hourly wage	\$9.59	\$10.00		\$9.59	\$9.00
Average annual earnings	\$20,068.49	\$21,950.47		\$19,944.40	\$21,607.65
Median annual earnings	\$19,000.00	\$20,857.16		\$18,990.01	\$19,586.18

Note: *n* = 942 for respondents 25 years and older, currently employed, and were employed before DACA. *n* = 1,205 for respondents who are currently employed, were employed before DACA, and for which urban-rural data are available. Figures exclude the bottom 1st and top 99th percentiles.

..... **On average, how many hours did you work per week before DACA?**
 (*n* = 1,229, which represents the 43.9% of respondents who are currently employed and were also employed before DACA)

		≥ 25	|	Urban	Rural
Average hours worked per week	37.7	39.2		37.3	42.9
Median hours worked per week	40.0	40.0		40.0	40.0

Note: *n* = 942 for respondents 25 years and older, currently employed, and were employed before DACA. *n* = 1,205 for respondents who are currently employed, were employed before DACA, and for which urban-rural data are available. Figures exclude the bottom 1st and top 99th percentiles.

..... **Does your employer know that you have DACA?**
 (*n* = 2,800, which represents the 91.4% of all respondents who are currently employed)

			|	Urban	Rural
Yes	50.0%			50.3%	45.9%
No	11.4%			11.5%	8.1%
Not sure	37.7%			37.4%	44.7%
No response	0.9%			1.2%	0.8%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. *n* = 2,743 for respondents who are currently employed and for which urban-rural data are available.

..... **Are you bilingual?**

(*n* = 2,800, which represents the 91.4% of all respondents who are currently employed)

			Urban	Rural
Yes	98.1%	|	98.1%	99.4%
No	1.9%		1.9%	0.0%
No response	0.1%		0.0%	0.6%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. *n* = 2,743 for respondents who are currently employed and for which urban-rural data are available.

..... **Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “My being bilingual has been an asset to my employer.”**

(*n* = 2,746, which represents the 98.1% of respondents who are currently employed and are bilingual)

			Urban	Rural
Strongly agree	80.1%	|	79.9%	81.3%
Agree	12.5%		12.6%	13.1%
Neither agree nor disagree	6.1%		5.9%	5.6%
Disagree	0.8%		0.8%	0.0%
Strongly disagree	0.4%		0.4%	0.0%
No response	0.2%		0.2%	0.0%
Agree/strongly agree	92.6%		92.6%	94.4%
Neither agree nor disagree	6.1%		5.9%	5.6%
Disagree/strongly disagree	1.2%		1.2%	0.0%
No response	0.2%		0.2%	0.0%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. *n* = 2,693 for respondents who are currently employed, are bilingual, and for which urban-rural data are available.

Education

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

(*n* = 3,063)

			≥ 25	|	Urban	Rural
Pursued educational opportunities that I previously could not	.....	65.3%	54.2%		65.3%	63.3%
I haven't pursued more education yet, but I plan to	.....	33.3%	42.7%		33.4%	36.2%
I don't plan to pursue more education	.....	3.3%	5.1%		3.4%	2.3%
Paid off some/all of my student loans	.....	18.4%	18.3%		18.3%	16.4%

Note: percentages do not sum to 100 as individuals may select all that apply. *n* = 1,662 for all respondents 25 years and older. *n* = 3,002 for which urban-rural data are available: *n* = 2,825 for urban respondents; *n* = 177 for rural respondents.

Are you currently in school?

(*n* = 3,063)

			≥ 25	|	Urban	Rural
Yes	.....	44.9%	30.6%		45.0%	40.7%
No	.....	55.0%	69.3%		54.9%	58.8%
No response	.....	0.1%	0.1%		0.1%	0.6%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. *n* = 1,662 for all respondents 25 years and older. *n* = 3,002 for which urban-rural data are available: *n* = 2,825 for urban respondents; *n* = 177 for rural respondents.

..... **What degree are you currently pursuing?**
 (*n* = 1,374, which represents 44.9% of all respondents who are currently in school)

			≥ 25	|	Urban	Rural
GED or equivalent	0.9%	2.2%			0.8%	2.8%
High-school diploma	2.7%	0.6%			2.8%	2.8%
Trade/technical/vocational degree or certificate	4.3%	6.3%			4.2%	8.3%
Associate's degree	19.4%	18.5%			19.2%	20.8%
Bachelor's degree	52.5%	42.2%			52.3%	54.2%
Master's degree	13.1%	21.0%			13.5%	8.3%
Professional degree above a master's degree	2.3%	3.1%			2.4%	2.8%
Doctorate degree	3.6%	4.9%			3.8%	0.0%
No response	1.2%	1.2%			1.2%	0.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	71.5%	71.2%			72.0%	65.3%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. *n* = 509 for respondents 25 years and older who are currently in school. *n* = 1,344 for respondents who are currently in school and for which urban-rural data are available.

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?*
 (*n* = 3,063)

			≥ 25	|	Urban	Rural
GED or equivalent	3.4%	5.4%			3.4%	3.9%
High-school diploma	24.0%	18.1%			23.4%	33.9%
Trade/technical/vocational degree or certificate	3.6%	4.3%			3.7%	2.3%
Associate's degree	15.7%	15.0%			15.4%	19.8%
Some college	23.9%	20.7%			23.8%	24.3%
Bachelor's degree	23.2%	27.3%			23.8%	12.4%
Master's degree	4.4%	7.3%			4.5%	1.7%
Professional degree above a master's degree	0.3%	0.4%			0.3%	0.0%
Doctorate degree	0.3%	0.5%			0.3%	0.0%
No response	1.3%	0.9%			1.3%	1.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	28.2%	35.5%			28.6%	14.1%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. *n* = 1,662 for all respondents 25 years and older. *n* = 3,002 for which urban-rural data are available: *n* = 2,825 for urban respondents; *n* = 177 for rural respondents.

Inclusion and Belonging

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

(*n* = 3,063)

		≥ 25	Urban	Rural
Got my driver's license for the first time	79.7%	80.4%	79.6%	81.4%
Got a state identification card for the first time	55.1%	51.1%	55.4%	50.3%
Became an organ donor	48.7%	49.8%	48.8%	50.3%
Donated blood for the first time	17.8%	13.7%	17.7%	23.2%

Note: percentages do not sum to 100 as individuals may select all that apply. *n* = 1,662 for all respondents 25 years and older. *n* = 3,002 for which urban-rural data are available: *n* = 2,825 for urban respondents; *n* = 177 for rural respondents.

Please indicate the immigration status of your immediate family members, meaning a parent, sibling, spouse, or child. (select all that apply)

(*n* = 3,063)

		Urban	Rural
American citizen spouse	16.6%	16.4%	20.9%
American citizen child	25.7%	25.5%	27.7%
American citizen sibling	58.9%	58.9%	64.9%
American citizen spouse, child, or sibling	72.7%	72.7%	77.9%

Note: percentages do not sum to 100 as individuals may select all that apply. *n* = 3,002 for which urban-rural data are available: *n* = 2,825 for urban respondents; *n* = 177 for rural respondents.

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?

(*n* = 3,063)

		Urban	Rural
Yes	44.6%	44.5%	48.0%
No	55.0%	55.2%	50.9%
No response	0.4%	0.4%	1.1%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. *n* = 3,002 for which urban-rural data are available: *n* = 2,825 for urban respondents; *n* = 177 for rural respondents.

..... **Are any of your immediate family members who are U.S. citizens and are 18 years or older registered to vote?**

(*n* = 1,365, which represents 44.6% of all respondents who have immediate relatives who are U.S. citizens that are 18 years or older)

			Urban	Rural
Yes	.....	81.5%	81.6%	80.0%
No	.....	18.3%	18.1%	20.0%
No response	.....	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. *n* = 1,342 for respondents who have immediate family members who are U.S. citizens 18 years and older and for which urban-rural data are available.

What state do you currently live in?

(*n* = 3,063)

	%	%
	Poll	DACA
California	24.3%	28.3%
Texas	17.4%	15.8%
New York	4.8%	5.3%
Illinois	4.4%	5.4%
Arizona	4.1%	3.5%
Florida	3.3%	4.2%
North Carolina	3.1%	3.5%
Colorado	2.8%	2.2%
Washington	2.7%	2.3%
Georgia	2.6%	3.1%
New Jersey	1.9%	2.8%
Utah	1.9%	1.2%
Tennessee	1.5%	1.1%
Oregon	1.3%	1.4%
Maryland	1.3%	1.2%
Michigan	1.3%	0.8%
New Mexico	1.2%	0.9%
Massachusetts	1.2%	1.0%
Kansas	1.1%	0.9%
Pennsylvania	1.1%	0.7%
Virginia	1.1%	1.5%
Minnesota	1.0%	0.8%
Nevada	1.0%	1.7%
Oklahoma	1.0%	0.9%
South Carolina	1.0%	0.8%
Arkansas	1.0%	0.6%
Other	10.6%	8.1%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

What is your race/ethnicity?

(*n* = 3,063)

White	1.7%
Black	1.1%
Hispanic/Latino	92.6%
Asian or Pacific Islander	3.5%
Other	0.9%
No Response	0.2%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

	%	%
	Poll	DACA
Hispanic/Latino	92.8%	93.5%
Other	7.2%	6.5%

How old are you?

(*n* = 3,063)

Average	25.2
Median	25
16	0.4%
17	1.6%
18	3.0%
19	4.4%
20	5.2%
21	6.6%
22	7.6%
23	8.9%
24	8.0%
25	7.1%
26	8.6%
27	7.6%
28	7.3%
29	6.2%
30	5.3%
31	3.6%
32	3.3%
33	2.2%
34	1.8%
35	1.4%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

How old were you when you first came to the U.S.?

(*n* = 3,063)

Average	6.5
Median	6
0	4.5%
1	7.6%
2	8.3%
3	9.7%
4	8.0%
5	8.7%
6	7.4%
7	7.4%
8	6.5%
9	6.2%
10	5.6%
11	5.0%
12	3.9%
13	3.5%
14	4.1%
15	3.7%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.