

Results of Tom K. Wong, National Immigration Law Center, and Center for American Progress national survey

This survey of 467 DACA recipients was conducted in June 2015 as part of the ongoing Administrative Relief Impact and Implementation Study.

DEMOGRAPHICS

demo_1: How old are you?

AGE	
Mean	22.48
Median	22

Note: Denominator includes all respondents (n=467).

demo_2: What is your race/ethnicity?

RACE/ETHNICITY	N	%
White	7	1.50
Black	11	2.36
Hispanic/Latino	394	84.37
Asian or Pacific Islander	41	8.78
Other	11	2.36
Decline to state	3	0.64

Note: Denominator includes all respondents (n=467). Sum may not equal 100 due to rounding.

demo_3: What is your sex?

SEX	N	%
Male	121	25.91
Female	343	73.45
Write-in option	1	0.21
Decline to state	2	0.43

Note: Denominator includes all respondents (n=467).

demo_4: Do you identify as LGBT?

LGBT	N	%
Yes	33	7.07
No	359	76.87
Prefer not to answer	66	14.13
Decline to state	9	1.93

Note: Denominator includes all respondents (n=467). Sum may not equal 100 due to rounding.

demo_5: What state do you currently live in?¹

STATE	N	%
AL	2	0.43
AZ	22	4.71
CA	143	30.62
CO	6	1.28
CT	5	1.07
DC	7	1.50
DE	2	0.43
FL	46	9.85
GA	9	1.93
HI	1	0.21
IA	2	0.43
IL	15	3.21
IN	5	1.07
KS	3	0.64
MA	2	0.43
MD	5	1.07
MI	6	1.28
MN	1	0.21
MO	1	0.21
NE	1	0.21
NJ	3	0.64
NM	2	0.43
NV	1	0.21
NY	84	17.99
NC	17	3.64
OH	1	0.21
OK	1	0.21
OR	3	0.64
PA	2	0.43
SC	2	0.43
TN	2	0.43
TX	40	8.57
UT	3	0.64
VA	8	1.71
WA	14	3.00

Note: Denominator includes all respondents (n=467). Sum may not equal 100 due to rounding.

¹ No respondents in AK, AR, ID, KY, LA, ME, MS, MT, NH, ND, RI, SD, VT, WI, WV, and WY.

DACA'S IMPACT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

employ_wage_1: Are you currently employed?

EMPLOYED	N	%
Yes	356	76.23
No	111	23.77

Note: Denominator includes all respondents (n=467). Of those currently employed, 190 were also employed pre-DACA.

**employ_wage_2: [Answer IF "Are you currently employed" YES IS SELECTED]
Please indicate your hourly wage OR annual salary.**

AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE	
Mean	\$17.29
Median	\$15.00

Note: Most respondents reported hourly wages. Average hours worked per week (see employ_wage_3) was used to calculate average hourly wages for those who reported annual salary.

**employ_wage_3: [Answer IF "Are you currently employed?" YES IS SELECTED]
On average, how many hours do you work per week?**

AVERAGE HOURS WORKED	
Mean	32.49
Median	35

Note: Denominator includes respondents who are currently employed (n=352; 4 responses discarded).

employ_wage_4: Were you employed before DACA?

EMPLOYED PRE-DACA	N	%
Yes	206	44.11
No	261	55.89

Note: Denominator includes all respondents (n=467).

employ_wage_5: [Answer IF “Were you employed before DACA?” YES IS SELECTED] Please indicate your hourly wage OR annual salary.

AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE	
Mean	\$11.92
Median	\$10.00

Note: Most respondents reported hourly wages. Average hours worked per week (see employ_wage_6) was used to calculate average hourly wages for those who reported annual salary.

employ_wage_6: [Answer IF “Were you employed before DACA?” YES IS SELECTED] On average, how many hours do you work per week?

AVERAGE HOURS WORKED	
Mean	33.91
Median	35

Note: Denominator includes respondents who are currently employed (n=203; 3 responses discarded).

employ_wage_7: Check all that apply. After my DACA application was approved, I...

AFTER MY DACA APPLICATION WAS APPROVED, I...	N	%
Got a job with better pay	132	69.47
Got a job that better fits my education and training	109	57.37
Got a job that better fits my long-term career goals	99	52.11
Got a job with improved work conditions	102	53.68
I have been able to earn more money, which has helped me become financially independent	117	61.58
I have been able to earn more money, which has helped me family financially	108	56.84

Note: Denominator includes respondents who are currently employed **and** reported working before DACA (n=190)

DACA'S IMPACT ON EDUCATION

edu_1: Are you currently in school?

SCHOOL	N	%
Yes	304	65.10
No	161	34.48
Decline to state	2	0.43

Note: Denominator includes all respondents (n=467). Sum may not equal 100 due to rounding.

edu_2: Check all that apply. After my DACA application was approved, I...

AFTER MY DACA APPLICATION WAS APPROVED, I...	N	%
Pursued educational opportunities that I previously could not	277	92.12

Note: Denominator includes respondents who are currently in school (n=304)

edu_3: [Answer IF "Are you currently in school?" YES IS SELECTED] What degree are you currently pursuing?²

DEGREE	N	%
Advanced degree	49	16.84
Master's degree	25	
Professional degree	16	
Doctorate degree	8	
Other degree	242	83.16

Note: Denominator includes respondents currently in school for whom degree data are available (n=291).

² An error in programming does not allow us to distinguish between types of degrees below the undergraduate level.

DACA RECIPIENTS ON THE ROAD

on_the_road_1: Check all that apply. After my DACA application was approved, I...

AFTER MY DACA APPLICATION WAS APPROVED, I...	N	%
Got my driver's license for the first time	277	59.31
Got a state identification card for the first time	300	64.24
Bought my first car	98	20.99
Received a car as a gift from a family member or friend	53	11.35

Note: Denominator includes all respondents (n=467). 415 respondents reported receiving either a driver's license **or** a state identification card for the first time (88.9% of respondents).

on_the_road_2: [Answer IF "After my DACA application was approved, I... Bought my first car" IS SELECTED] Did you buy a new or used car?

BOUGHT CAR	N	%
New	25	25.91
Used	73	74.49

Note: Denominator includes respondents who reported buying their first car (n=98).

on_the_road_3: [Answer IF "After my DACA application was approved, I... Bought my first car" IS SELECTED] What was the cost of the car?

COST	
Mean	\$13,218.27
Median	\$11,500.00

Note: Denominator includes respondents who reported buying their first car (n=98).

on_the_road_4: [Answer IF "After my DACA application was approved, I... Bought my first car" IS SELECTED] Did you buy auto insurance?

AUTO INSURANCE	N	%
Yes	94	95.93
No	4	4.08

Note: Denominator includes respondents who reported buying their first car (n=98).

FAMILIES OF DACA RECIPIENTS

fam_1: Please tell us about your immediate family. For each family member, simply drag and drop into the appropriate group³

Parent	N	%
Undocumented	402	86.08
DACAmented	7	1.50
U.S. Citizen	18	3.85
Lawful Permanent Resident	46	9.85
Sibling		
Undocumented	124	26.55
DACAmented	366	78.37
U.S. Citizen	209	44.75
Lawful Permanent Resident	42	8.99
Spouse		
Undocumented	30	6.42
DACAmented	4	0.86
U.S. Citizen	26	5.57
Lawful Permanent Resident	4	0.86
Child		
Undocumented	2	0.43
DACAmented	2	0.43
U.S. Citizen	58	12.42
Lawful Permanent Resident	0	0.00

Note: Denominator includes all respondents (n=467). Table reflects having at least one parent, sibling, spouse, or category in a group. The number of DACAmented parents of DACA recipients is likely a function of survey response error due to the drag and drop task.

³ This question was presented to respondents as a drag and drop option with 4 categories in 1 row. Categories include: Undocumented, DACAmented, U.S. Citizen, and Legal Permanent Resident. Items include: parent, parent, sibling, sibling, sibling, sibling, sibling, sibling, spouse, child, child, child, child, and child.