

DACA By the Numbers: 15 Facts

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Here are 15 numbers and statistics you should know:

1. There are more than **43 million** immigrants in the U.S., according to the Migration Policy Institute.
2. About **11 million** are undocumented immigrants.
3. An estimated **22 percent** of undocumented immigrants are under age 25, according to the Department of Homeland Security.
4. The Migration Policy Institute said in 2016 that about **1.9 million** people were eligible for DACA.
5. About **788,000** have had their requests for DACA status accepted, according to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.
6. In order to apply for DACA, immigrants had to be younger than **31** on June 15, 2012.
7. They must have come to the U.S. before turning **16**. They must have lived in the U.S. since June 15, 2007.
8. In a Center for American Progress survey of roughly 3,000 DACA recipients, **nine-tenths** of respondents said they had jobs.
9. Their average hourly wage was **\$17.46** an hour, up from \$10.29 before receiving DACA.
10. About **72 percent** of respondents were in higher education.
11. After getting DACA, nearly **80 percent** of respondents said they got driver's licenses. About half became organ donors.
12. A Morning Consult poll from April found that **56 percent** of registered voters said Dreamers, another name for people who came to the U.S. as kids, "should be allowed to stay and become citizens if they meet certain requirements."
13. The Center for American Progress estimated that the U.S. would lose about **\$460 billion** in GDP over the next 10 years without DACA.
14. About **700,000** people could lose their jobs.
15. More than **1,800** governors, attorneys general, mayors, state representatives, judges, police chiefs and other leaders signed onto a letter supporting Dreamers and DACA recipients.