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DACA in South Carolina

Young Adults Benefit from DACA



In South Carolina, DACA has allowed more than 6,400 young people to come forward, pass background checks, and live and work legally in the country.¹

DACA Renewals



In South Carolina, DACA recipients have had their protection renewed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security nearly 5,400 times.²

If DACA Ends, Losses to State Economy



Ending DACA would cost South Carolina nearly \$252.1 million in annual GDP losses.³

National DACA Statistics

Youth Thrive Nationwide



DACA has changed the lives of nearly 800,000 young people who have lived in the United States since their childhood, allowing them to better contribute to their families and communities.⁴

If DACA Ends, U.S. Loses Workers



Ending DACA would remove an estimated 685,000 workers from the nation's economy.⁵

If DACA Ends, Losses to National Economy



Ending DACA would result in a loss of \$460.3 billion from the national GDP over the next decade.⁶

Young People Thrive Economically, Educationally

A recent nationwide survey finds that after receiving DACA, recipients moved to jobs with better pay (63 percent), gaining greater access to employment that matches their education and training (49 percent) and to jobs with better working conditions (48 percent).⁷

The Public Supports DACA

An April 2017 survey of registered voters found that 78% of American voters support giving Dreamers the chance to stay permanently in America, including 73% of Trump voters. Only 14% of all voters (23% of Trump supporters) believe Dreamers should be deported.⁸

¹ U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Number of Form I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, by Fiscal Year, Quarter, Intake, Biometrics and Case Status Fiscal Year 2012-2017 (U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 2017).

² Ibid.

³ Nicole Prechal Svajlenka, Tom Jawetz, and Angie Bautista-Chavez, "A New Threat to DACA Could Cost States Billions of Dollars" (Washington: Center for American Progress, 2017), available at <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/immigration/news/2017/07/21/436419/new-threat-daca-cost-states-billions-dollars/>

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⁵ Nicole Prechal Svajlenka and others, "A New Threat to DACA Could Cost States Billions of Dollars."

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⁷ Tom K. Wong, Greisa Martinez Rosas, Adrian Reyna, Ignacia Rodriguez, Patrick O'Shea, Tom Jawetz, and Philip E. Wolgin, "New Study of DACA Beneficiaries Shows Positive Economic and Educational Outcomes" (Washington: Center for American Progress, 2016), available at: <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/immigration/news/2016/10/18/146290/new-study-of-daca-beneficiaries-shows-positive-economic-and-educational-outcomes/>

⁸ Morning Consult and Politico, Morning Consult National Tracking Poll #170409, April 20-24, 2017, Crosstabulation Results, available at https://morningconsult.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/170409_crosstabs_Politico_v1_AG-2.pdf.



Immigrants in South Carolina

South Carolina has a small but growing immigrant population. While roughly 5 percent of the state's residents are immigrants, they are a vital share of South Carolina's labor force. Combined, immigrants account for nearly 25 percent of all residents working in fishing, forestry, and farming, as well as nearly 15 percent in construction and extraction jobs. As workers, business owners, taxpayers, and neighbors, immigrants are an integral part of South Carolina's diverse and thriving communities and make extensive contributions that benefit all.

Nearly 5 percent of South Carolina residents are immigrants, while almost 4 percent are native-born U.S. citizens with at least one immigrant parent.

- In 2015, 232,749 immigrants (foreign-born individuals) comprised 4.8 percent of the population.¹
- South Carolina was home to 105,708 women, 110,484 men, and 16,557 children who were immigrants.²
- The top countries of origin for immigrants were Mexico (28.2 percent of immigrants), India (5.7 percent), Philippines (4.5 percent), China (4.5 percent), and Germany (4.1 percent).³
- In 2016, 188,884 people in South Carolina (3.9 percent of the state's population) were native-born Americans who had at least [one immigrant parent](#).⁴

Two in five immigrants in South Carolina are naturalized U.S. citizens.

- 92,001 immigrants (39.5 percent) had naturalized as of 2015,⁵ and 42,918 immigrants were eligible to become [naturalized U.S. citizens](#) in 2015.⁶
- Three-quarters of immigrants (75.9 percent) reported speaking English "well" or "very well."⁷

Immigrants in South Carolina are distributed across the educational spectrum.

- Two in seven adult immigrants had a college degree or more education in 2015, while 3 in 10 had less than a high school diploma.⁸

| Education Level | Share (%) of All Immigrants | Share (%) of All Natives |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| College degree or more | 28.4 | 26.7 |
| Some college | 18.2 | 30.8 |
| High school diploma only | 23.3 | 29.8 |
| Less than a high-school diploma | 30.1 | 12.6 |

Nearly 50,000 U.S. citizens in South Carolina live with at least one family member who is undocumented.

- 85,000 [undocumented immigrants](#) comprised 37 percent of the immigrant population and 1.8 percent of the total state population in 2014.⁹
- ~~107,798 people in South Carolina, including 45,307 born in the United States, lived with at least one [undocumented family member](#) between 2010 and 2014.~~¹⁰
- During the same period, 1 in 25 children in the state was a U.S.-citizen child living with at least one undocumented family member (40,205 children in total).¹¹

About 6,000 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients live in South Carolina.¹²

- As of 2016, 74 percent of [DACA-eligible immigrants](#) in South Carolina, or 7,150 people, had applied for DACA.¹³
- An additional 4,000 residents of the state satisfied all but the educational requirements for DACA, and another 2,000 would be eligible as they grew older.¹⁴

Immigrants are an integral part of the South Carolina workforce across industries.

- 149,740 immigrant workers comprised 6 percent of the labor force in 2015.¹⁵

- Immigrant workers were most numerous in the following industries:

| Industry | Number of Immigrant Workers |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Manufacturing | 26,275 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 24,191 |
| Construction | 21,470 |
| Retail Trade | 15,857 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 12,527 |

Analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2015 American Community Survey 1-year PUMS data by the American Immigration Council.

- The largest shares of immigrant workers were in the following industries:¹⁶

| Industry | Immigrant Share (%) (of all industry workers) |
|--|--|
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting | 19.3 |
| Construction | 12.3 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 9.3 |
| Administrative & Support; Waste Management; and Remediation Services | 8.0 |
| Manufacturing | 7.1 |

Analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2015 American Community Survey 1-year PUMS data by the American Immigration Council.

Immigrants are critical to the South Carolina workforce in a range of occupations.

- In 2015, immigrant workers were most numerous in the following occupation groups:¹⁷

| Occupation Category | Number of Immigrant Workers |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Construction and Extraction | 20,387 |
| Production | 18,395 |
| Building and Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance | 17,038 |
| Food Preparation and Serving Related | 15,864 |
| Sales and Related | 15,310 |

Analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2015 American Community Survey 1-year PUMS data by the American Immigration Council.

- The largest shares of immigrant workers were in the following occupation groups:¹⁸

| Occupation Category | Immigrant Share (%) (of all workers in occupation) |
|---|---|
| Farming, Fishing, and Forestry | 24.8 |
| Construction and Extraction | 14.7 |
| Building and Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance | 13.3 |
| Computer and Mathematical Sciences | 11.5 |
| Architecture and Engineering | 11.0 |

Analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2015 American Community Survey 1-year PUMS data by the American Immigration Council.

- Undocumented immigrants comprised 2.6 percent of the state's workforce in 2014.¹⁹

Immigrants in South Carolina have contributed billions of dollars in taxes.

- [Immigrant-led households in the state paid](#) \$958.2 million in federal taxes and \$379.2 million in state and local taxes in 2014.²⁰
- Undocumented immigrants in South Carolina paid an estimated \$67.8 million in [state and local taxes](#) in 2014. Their contribution would rise to \$86.2 million if they could receive legal status.²¹
- [DACA recipients](#) in South Carolina paid an estimated \$11.8 million in state and local taxes in 2016.²²

As consumers, immigrants add billions of dollars to South Carolina's economy.

- South Carolina residents in immigrant-led households had \$4.1 billion in [spending power](#) (after-tax income) in 2014.²³

Immigrant entrepreneurs in South Carolina generate hundreds of millions of dollars in business revenue.

- 15,312 immigrant business owners accounted for 7.3 percent of all self-employed South Carolina residents in 2015 and generated \$176.3 million in business income.²⁴
- In 2015, immigrants accounted for 11.8 percent of business owners in the Charlotte/Gastonia/Concord metropolitan area (which spans North and South Carolina).²⁵

Endnotes

¹ "Foreign born" does not include people born in Puerto Rico or U.S. island areas or U.S. citizens born abroad of American parent(s). U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. The American Immigration Council elected to use data from the 2015 ACS 1-Year estimates wherever possible to provide the most current information available. Since these estimates are based on a smaller sample size than the ACS 5-year, however, they are more sensitive to fluctuations and may result in greater margins of error (compared to 5-year estimates).

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www.migrationpolicy.org/programs/data-hub/deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca-profiles.

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<https://itep.org/undocumented-immigrants-state-local-tax-contributions-2/>.

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The Dream Act, DACA, and Other Policies Designed to Protect Dreamers

With the rescission of the Deferred Action for Children Arrivals (DACA) initiative, there will be renewed pressure on Congress to pass federal legislation known as the Dream Act to protect young immigrants who are vulnerable to deportation. This fact sheet provides an overview of the Dream Act¹ and other similar legislative proposals, explains changes made to DACA on September 5, 2017, and provides information about policies at the state level that support Dreamers.

History of the Dream Act

The first version of the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act was introduced in 2001.² As a result, young undocumented immigrants have since been called Dreamers. Over the last 16 years, numerous versions of the Dream Act have been introduced, all of which would have provided a pathway to legal status for undocumented youth who came to this country as children. Some versions have garnered as many as 48 co-sponsors in the Senate and 152 in the House.³

Despite bipartisan support for each bill, none have become law.⁴ The bill came closest to passage in 2010 when the House of Representatives passed the bill and the Senate came five votes short of the 60 Senators needed to proceed to vote on the bill.⁵

Current Federal Legislative Proposals

The most recent versions of the Dream Act were introduced in July 2017, in the Senate by Senators Lindsay Graham (R-SC) and Richard Durbin (D-IL) and in the House by Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA) and Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL).⁶

In the House of Representatives, members have also introduced legislative proposals that would address undocumented youth, but are variations on the original Dream Act. For example, Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R-FL) proposed the Recognizing America's Children (RAC) Act, which has a more restrictive path to legalization than the Dream Act bill currently pending in the Senate and House.⁷ Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-IL) introduced the American Hope Act, which has a more generous path to legalization than any of the Dream Act bills.⁸ In addition, Rep. Mike Coffman (R-CO) introduced a proposal, Bar Removal of Individuals who Dream and Grow our Economy Act (BRIDGE Act), that would not create a permanent legal status for Dreamers, but instead would provide deferred action from deportation to Dreamers for only three years.⁹

While some are more generous and others more restrictive, each of these legislative proposals in some way mimics the original Dream Act legislation.

What Does the Dream Act do?

The Senate version of the Dream Act, introduced in July 2017, allows current, former,¹⁰ and future¹¹ undocumented high-school graduates and GED recipients a three-step pathway to U.S. citizenship through college, work, or the armed services.

STEP 1: CONDITIONAL PERMANENT RESIDENCE

An individual is eligible to obtain conditional permanent resident (CPR) status for up to eight years, which includes work authorization, if the person:

- entered the United States under the age of 18;
- entered four years prior to enactment and has since been continuously present;
- has not been convicted of a crime where the term of imprisonment was more than a year, or convicted of three or more offenses for which the aggregate sentence was 90 days or more (with an exception for offenses which are essential to a person's immigration status); and
- has been admitted to an institution of higher education, has graduated high school or obtained a GED, or is currently enrolled in secondary school or a program assisting students to obtain a diploma or GED.¹²

In addition, anyone who has DACA would be immediately granted CPR status.

STEP 2: LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENCE

Anyone who maintains CPR status can obtain lawful permanent residence (LPR status or a "green card") by satisfying one of the following requirements:

- Higher education: Complete at least two years of higher education;
- Military service: Complete at least two years of military service with an honorable discharge; or
- Work: Demonstrate employment over a total period of three years.

Individuals who cannot meet one of these requirements can apply for a "hardship waiver" if the applicant is a person with disabilities, a full-time caregiver of a minor child, or for whom removal would cause extreme hardship to a U.S. citizen spouse, parent, or child.

STEP 3: NATURALIZATION

After maintaining LPR status for five years, an individual can apply to become a U.S. citizen.

According to the Migration Policy Institute, as many as 3.4 million individuals would qualify under the 2017 version of the Dream Act, and over 1.5 million would eventually obtain a green card.¹³

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

On June 15, 2012, then-Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano created Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). DACA is an exercise of prosecutorial discretion, providing temporary relief from deportation (deferred action) and work authorization to certain young undocumented immigrants brought to the United States as children.¹⁴ DACA has enabled almost 800,000 eligible young adults to work lawfully, attend school, and plan their lives without the constant threat of deportation, usually to an unfamiliar country.¹⁵ However, unlike federal legislation, DACA does not provide a permanent legal status to individuals and must be renewed every two years.

On September 5, 2017, Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Elaine Duke rescinded the 2012 DACA memorandum and announced a “wind down” of DACA.¹⁶ Effective immediately, no new applications for DACA will be accepted. Current DACA beneficiaries whose status is due to expire before March 5, 2018 are permitted to renew their status for an additional two years if they apply by October 5, 2017.¹⁷ Any person for whom DACA expires as of March 6, 2018, will no longer have deferred action or employment authorization.¹⁸

State Policies that Protect Dreamers

States cannot legalize the status of undocumented immigrants, but they may address collateral issues that stem from being undocumented. Most notably, numerous states have enacted legislation that helps overcome barriers to higher education faced by many undocumented youth. Pursuant to some state laws and policies, undocumented students may be able to attend state universities and qualify for in-state tuition.

Colleges and universities each have their own policies about admitting undocumented students; some deny them admission while others allow them to attend. However, even when undocumented students are allowed to attend college, the tuition is often prohibitively expensive. If students cannot prove legal residency in a state, they must pay the much higher out-of-state or international-student tuition rates. Further, undocumented students do not qualify for federal student loans, work study, or other financial assistance. As a result, it is extremely difficult for undocumented students to afford to attend a public university.¹⁹

To help undocumented students afford college, at least 18 states have passed laws that provide undocumented students with the opportunity to receive in-state tuition. California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, and Washington permit undocumented students who have attended and graduated from the state’s primary and secondary schools to pay the same college tuition as other state residents.²⁰ The laws generally require undocumented students to attend a school in the state for a certain number of years and graduate from high school in the state.²¹

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13. Jeanne Batalova and Ariel Ruiz, "MPI Estimates of Who Might Benefit under 2017 DREAM Act Bills in Congress," (Washington, DC: Migration Policy Institute, July 2017), <http://www.migrationpolicy.org/content/mpi-estimates-who-might-benefit-under-2017-dream-act-bills-congress>.
14. To be eligible, DACA applicants have had to meet the following requirements:
 - Arrived in the United States before turning 16; Were under the age of 31 on June 15, 2012;
 - Continuously resided in the United States from June 15, 2007 to the present;
 - Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, as well as at the time of requesting deferred action;
 - Entered without inspection before June 15, 2012, or any previous lawful immigration status expired on or before June 15, 2012;
 - Are either in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a general education development (GED) certificate, or are honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Coast Guard or the U.S. Armed Forces;
 - And have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three or more other misdemeanors occurring on different dates and arising out of different acts, omissions, or schemes of misconduct, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety
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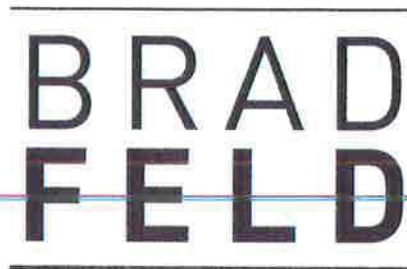
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The Contributions of New Americans in South Carolina



Partners



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Demographics

South Carolina is one of several states in the country that, while not traditionally boasting a huge foreign-born population, has become steadily more popular with immigrants in recent decades. In 1990, fewer than 50,000 foreign-born residents lived in the state, a group that made up only 1.4 percent of the state's population overall. By 2010, that share had more than tripled, reaching 4.6 percent. Between 2010 and 2014, the state grew its immigrant population at the same pace as the country as a whole, gaining more than 12,400 new foreign-born residents during that period.

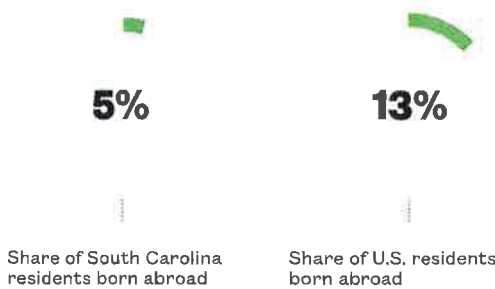
Today, South Carolina is home to more than 225,000 immigrants. These new Americans serve as everything

from farm laborers to software developers, making them critical contributors to South Carolina's economic success overall.

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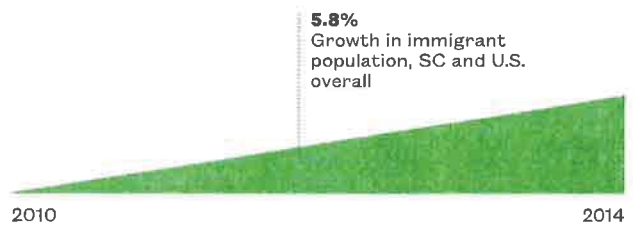
225,651

South Carolina residents were born abroad.



12,440

people immigrated to South Carolina between 2010 and 2014.



The Role of Immigrants as Entrepreneurs

16,229

immigrants in South Carolina are self-employed

Immigrant-owned businesses generated **\$207.3M** in business income in 2014.

9%

Share of entrepreneurs in South Carolina who are immigrants

47,098 people in South Carolina are employed at firms owned by immigrants.

* This is a conservative estimate that excludes large, publicly owned firms.

Given that the act of picking up and moving to another country is inherently brave and risky, it should be little surprise that immigrants have repeatedly been found to be more entrepreneurial than the U.S. population as a whole.¹ According to The Kauffman Foundation, an organization that studies entrepreneurship, immigrants were almost twice as likely to start a new business in 2015 than the native-born population.² The companies they founded ranged from small businesses on Main Street to large firms responsible for thousands of American jobs. Recent studies, for instance, have indicated that immigrants own more than half of the grocery stores in America and 48 percent of nail salons.³ Foreign-born entrepreneurs are also behind 51 percent of our country's billion-dollar startups.⁴ In addition, more than 40 percent of Fortune 500 firms have at least one founder who was an immigrant or the child of an immigrant.

In 2010, roughly **one in ten** American workers with jobs at private firms were employed at immigrant-founded companies.

The super-charged entrepreneurial activity of immigrants provides real and meaningful benefits to everyday Americans. In 2010, roughly one in ten American workers with jobs at private firms were employed at immigrant-founded companies. Such businesses also generated more than \$775 billion in annual business revenue that year.⁵ In South Carolina, like the country as a whole, immigrants are currently punching above their weight class as entrepreneurs. Foreign-born workers currently make up 9 percent of all entrepreneurs in the state, despite accounting for 4.7 percent of South Carolina's population. Their firms

generated \$207.3 million in business income in 2014. South Carolina firms with at least one immigrant owner also provided jobs to roughly 47,000 Americans in 2007.⁶

The Dominion Tar and Chemical Company (Domtar), a Fort Mill-based paper-producing firm, was founded in 1848 by Henry Potter Burt, a British immigrant.

~~Immigrant entrepreneurs have long been a critical~~ part of South Carolina's economic success story. The Dominion Tar and Chemical Company (Domtar), a Fort Mill-based paper-producing firm, was founded in 1848 by Henry Potter Burt, a British immigrant. Today, that company is the only Fortune 500 firm based in South Carolina. DOMTAR employs 9,800 people and brings in \$5.6 billion in annual revenue each year.⁷

Currently, there is no visa to come to America, start a company, and create jobs for U.S. workers—even if an entrepreneur already has a business plan and has raised hundreds of thousands dollars to support his or her idea. Trying to exploit this flaw in our system, countries around the world—from Canada to Singapore, Australia to Chile—have enacted startup visas, often with the explicit purpose of luring away entrepreneurs who want to build a U.S. business but cannot get a visa to do so.⁸ Here in the United States, many individuals have gone to great lengths to circumnavigate the visa hurdles. Many entrepreneurs sell a majority stake in their company and then apply for a visa as a high-skilled worker, rather than continuing as the owner of their firm. And a few enterprising venture capitalists, led by Jeff Busgang in Boston and Brad Feld in Colorado, have launched programs that bring over foreign-born entrepreneurs to serve as “entrepreneurs in residence” at colleges and universities. Because nonprofit academic institutions are

exempt from the H-1B visa cap, such entrepreneurs can secure their visas by working as mentors at a school, and then build their startups in their free time.

These innovative programs, which are currently available at 13 colleges and universities across the country, are already resulting in meaningful economic contributions. As of mid-2016, 23 entrepreneurs had secured visas through these programs nationally. The companies they founded had created 261 jobs and raised more than \$100 million in funding.⁹



The only **Fortune 500** firm based in South Carolina was founded by a British immigrant.

Today that firm generates **\$12.5 billion in revenues** and employs 13,393 people globally.

SPOTLIGHT ON

Ruben Montalvo

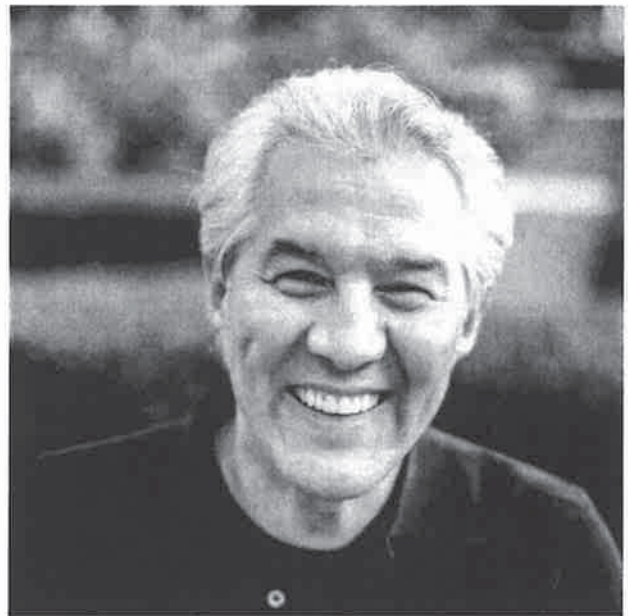
President, Senor Wraps

When Mexico native Ruben Montalvo first came to the United States at age 24, he was so sure his visit was temporary that he kept an open return ticket home. As valedictorian of his university, where he had received an engineering degree, he'd been reluctant to leave his cushy job in Mexico City with General Motors, along with his company car, secretary, and travel budget.

But America kept giving him reasons to stay: Gillette had offered him a job at its Boston headquarters finding environmental alternatives to aerosols. Harvard University wanted him, too. He studied marketing and accounting, and Gillette paid the tuition. "It was an amazing time. I was working alongside some of the best engineers in the country," says Montalvo, now in his fifties. "But I still wasn't sure I would stay."

"I couldn't imagine doing business anywhere else," Montalvo says, "It's just so easy here. It's very pro-business with little red tape."

He did, though, after meeting his wife, an immigrant who had moved from Mexico when she was a child, and settling in Greenville. Once there, he noticed something missing from the local food scene. There were Mexican restaurants, but nothing for vegetarians. So Montalvo and his wife started the vegetarian Mexican restaurant Cantinflas, which eventually expanded to three locations. They also started a healthy fast-food spinoff called Senor Wraps, which had four stores.



Montalvo knew he'd made the right decision to remain in America when he received the "Best Minority Business" award from the City of Greenville. "I was so proud of that day," he says. "Now I couldn't imagine doing business anywhere else. It's just so easy here. It's very pro-business with little red tape. You can open a bank account and get a business license all in an afternoon." Montalvo would eventually close the fast-food chain and all but one Cantinflas restaurant. He has since expanded into commercial real estate and "fell into" a transportation company called Four Daughters Worldwide Investor Corp., named in honor of his

children. Today he employs 30 people, 26 of whom are American citizens.

Montalvo knows his immigration journey was relatively easy compared to others. Watching the struggles of undocumented immigrants in Greenville has made him a strong advocate for immigration reform. “The U.S. is the only country I know of where the pursuit of happiness is a right,” he says. “But that right should be for everyone—not just the people who were born here or people like me who were lucky to become citizens.” He’d like to see policies that avoid splitting up families and make it easier to obtain working permits so that immigrants can get driver’s licenses and car insurance, go to college, and contribute to society.

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Now Montalvo regards the United States as his home: “The U.S. is my adopted country, and I love it. It’s the only passport I hold. It’s the flag I defend,” he says.

Income and Tax Contributions

Immigrants in South Carolina play an important role contributing to the state as both taxpayers and consumers. In 2014, immigrant-led households in South Carolina earned \$5.4 billion dollars—or 4.8 percent of all income earned by South Carolinians that year. With those earnings, the state’s foreign-born households were able to contribute more than one in every 21 dollars paid by South Carolina residents in state and local tax revenues, payments that support important public services, such as public schools and police. Through their individual wage contributions, immigrants also paid more than \$700 million into the Social Security and Medicare programs that year.

By spending their earned money at businesses like hair salons, grocery stores, and coffee shops, immigrants also support small business owners and job creation in the communities where they live. In South Carolina, immigrants held \$4.1 billion in spending power in 2014, defined in this brief as the net income available to a family after paying federal, state, and local taxes. We highlight the spending power and tax contributions of several subsets of South Carolina’s foreign-born population below, including Hispanics and immigrants from Northern Africa and the Middle East.

INCOME AND TAX CONTRIBUTIONS OF KEY GROUPS WITHIN SOUTH CAROLINA'S IMMIGRANT POPULATION, 2014

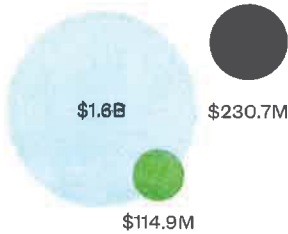
Hispanic

\$1.6B

Total Income in 2014

\$345.6M

Total amount paid in taxes



Asian

\$1.4B

Total Income in 2014

\$351.9M

Total amount paid in taxes



Sub-Saharan African

\$324.3M

Total Income in 2014

\$83.5M

Total amount paid in taxes



Middle Eastern & North African

\$54.8M

Total Income in 2014

\$10.8M

Total amount paid in taxes



■ Total income
 ■ Amount paid in federal taxes
 ■ Amount paid in state and local taxes

In 2014, immigrants in South Carolina earned **\$5.4B.**



\$379.2M — Went to state and local taxes...

\$958.2M — Went to federal taxes...

Leaving them with **\$4.1B** in remaining spending power.

ENTITLEMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

South Carolina's immigrants also contribute to our country's entitlement programs. In 2014, through taxes on their individual wages, immigrants contributed **\$139.9M** to Medicare and **\$560.4M** to Social Security.

\$139.9 M
Medicare

\$560.4M
Social Security

The Role of Immigrants in the Broader Workforce

5%

Immigrants made up 5% of South Carolina's population in 2014...

6%

But they made up 6% of the employed population in the state.

Because they tended to be working-age,

Immigrants were **36.0%** more likely to work than native-born South Carolinians.

59.0%

of immigrants of all ages worked in 2014.

43.4%

of the native-born population worked.

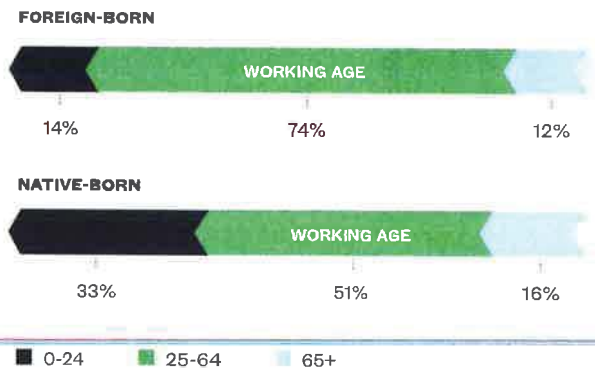
People who come to the United States often come here to work. Because of that, they often have skills that make them a good fit for our labor force—and a strong complement to American workers already here. In the country as a whole, immigrants are much more likely to be working age than the U.S.-born population. They also have a notably different educational profile. The vast majority of Americans—more than 79 percent of the U.S.-born population—fall into the middle of the education spectrum by holding a high school diploma or bachelor's degree. Immigrants, by contrast, are more likely to gravitate toward either end of the skill spectrum. They are more likely to lack a high school diploma than the native-born, but also more likely to have an advanced degree. This makes them good candidates for labor-intensive positions, such as housekeeping, that many more educated U.S.-born

workers are less interested in pursuing, as well as high-level positions that allow innovation-driven firms to expand and add jobs for Americans at all skill levels.

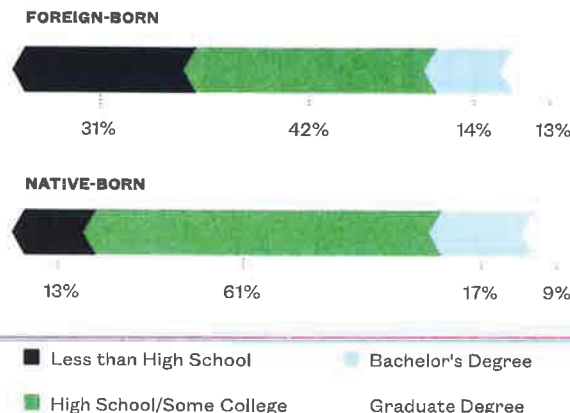
In South Carolina, nearly **74%** of the foreign-born population is working-aged, compared to approximately **51%** of the native-born population.

Both of these dynamics are strong in the state of South Carolina. When it comes to educational attainment, immigrants in the state are 37.9 percent more likely to hold a graduate degree than natives. They are also more than twice as likely to be educated at less than a

AGE BREAKDOWN OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S FOREIGN-BORN AND NATIVE-BORN POPULATIONS, 2014



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF THE STATE'S FOREIGN-BORN AND NATIVE-BORN POPULATION (AGES 25+), 2014



high-school level. The foreign-born population is also strikingly more likely to be working age, which we define in this brief as ranging in age from 25 to 64. In South Carolina, 73.7 percent of the foreign-born population falls into that age band, while only 50.7 percent of the native-born population does. That 23.1-percentage point gap, which is larger than the national average, has major implications for the state's workforce. In 2014, South Carolina's immigrants were 36 percent more likely to be actively employed than the state's native-born residents—a reality driven largely by the fact that a larger-than-average share of the native-born population had already reached retirement age.

The immigrants who are working in South Carolina contribute to a wide range of different industries in the state—many of which are growing and important parts of the local economy. Foreign-born residents make up more than one out of every six employees in the state's animal slaughtering and processing industry. They also account for 30.4 percent of the state's workers in crop production, contributing to South Carolina's sizeable agriculture industry, which has been the fastest-growing industry in the state in the years since the recession.¹⁰ Immigrants also frequently gravitate toward sectors where employers may struggle to find enough interested U.S.-born workers. Immigrants in South Carolina, for

instance, make up 26.7 percent of workers in private households, an industry that includes housekeepers and maids.

Immigrants make up more than **30%** of the state's workers in crop production, contributing to South Carolina's sizeable agriculture industry.

In recent decades, immigrants have also played an important role in South Carolina's manufacturing industry, which currently ranks as the second-largest economic sector in the state.¹¹ Studies have found that the arrival of immigrants to a community can have a powerful impact creating or preserving manufacturing jobs. This is because foreign-born workers give employers access to a large and relatively affordable pool of laborers, making it less attractive for firms to move work to cheaper locations offshore. One study by the Partnership for a New American Economy and the Americas Society/Council of the Americas, found that every time 1,000 immigrants arrive to a given U.S. county, 46 manufacturing jobs are preserved that would otherwise not exist or have moved elsewhere.¹² The

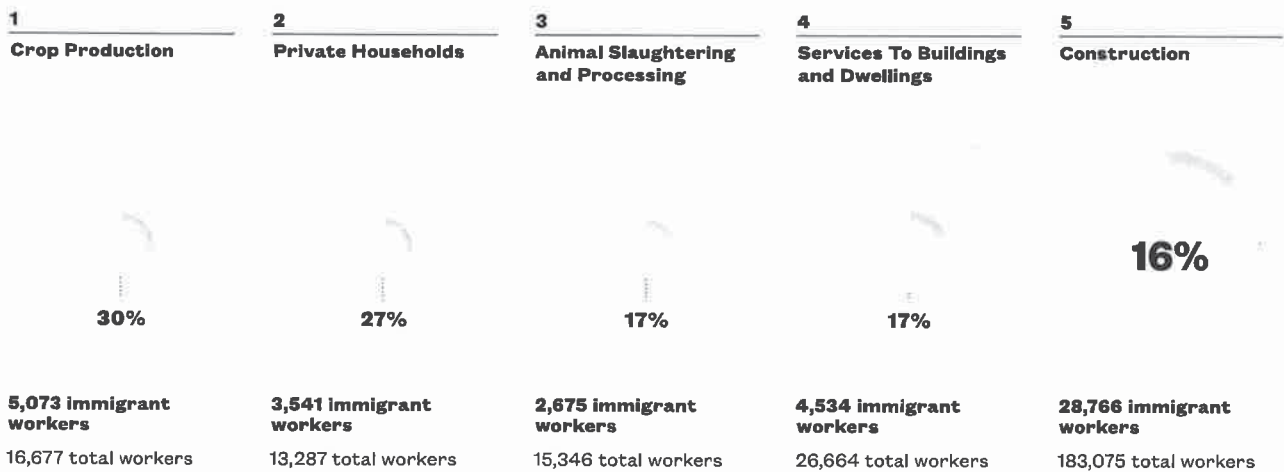
more than 200,000 immigrants who were living in the state in 2010 were responsible for creating or preserving almost 10,000 manufacturing jobs.

Aside from just looking at overarching industry groups, our work also examines the share of workers that are foreign-born in specific occupations and jobs. Immigrants in South Carolina, like the country as a whole, are often overrepresented in either high-

skilled or particularly labor-intensive positions. While foreign-born workers make up 6.2 percent of the state's employed population, they account for 37.1 percent of the class of farm laborer that hand-picks crops in the field. They also make up 16.5 percent of those working as software developers for applications and systems software, and 25.6 percent of those working as painters in the construction and maintenance industry.

INDUSTRIES WITH LARGEST SHARE OF FOREIGN-BORN WORKERS, 2014

■ Share of workers who are immigrants



OCCUPATIONS WITH LARGEST SHARE OF FOREIGN-BORN WORKERS, 2014

1
Miscellaneous Agricultural Workers, Including Animal Breeders



4,766 immigrant workers
12,843 total workers

2
Painters, Construction, and Maintenance



3,389 immigrant workers
13,244 total workers

3
Construction Laborers



7,324 immigrant workers
30,116 total workers

4
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners



8,131 immigrant workers
35,093 total workers

5
Carpenters



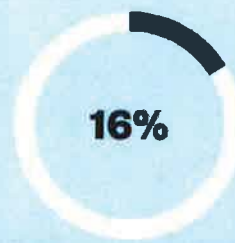
5,077 immigrant workers
23,098 total workers

6
Software Developers, Applications and Systems Software



1,577 immigrant workers
9,566 total workers

7
Postsecondary Teachers



3,557 immigrant workers
22,380 total workers

8
Grounds Maintenance Workers



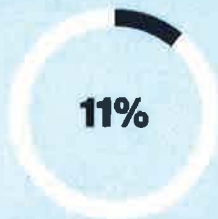
5,717 immigrant workers
39,434 total workers

9
Athletes, Coaches, Umpires, and Related Workers



1,172 immigrant workers
10,475 total workers

10
Food Service Managers



2,010 immigrant workers
19,000 total workers

■ Share of workers who are immigrants

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

Between 2014 and 2024, science, technology, engineering, and math—or “STEM”—fields are projected to play a key role in U.S. economic growth, adding almost 800,000 new jobs and growing 37 percent faster than the U.S. economy as a whole.¹⁹ Immigrants are already playing a huge part ensuring that South Carolina remains a leading innovator in STEM fields like precision manufacturing and aviation.

Despite making up **4.7%** of South Carolina's population, immigrants represented **8.5% of all STEM workers** in the state in 2014.

Our outdated immigration system, however, makes it difficult for STEM employers to sponsor the high-skilled workers they need to fill critical positions. This is problematic because it can slow the ability of firms to expand and add jobs for U.S.-born workers. It also makes little sense, given the country's ongoing shortage of STEM talent—an issue that heavily impacts employers here. In 2014, 12.4 STEM jobs were advertised online in South Carolina for every one unemployed STEM worker in the state.

Immigrants, however, are not just a crucial piece of South Carolina's current STEM workforce—they are also likely to power it in the future. In 2014, students on temporary visas made up roughly one out of every four students earning a STEM Master's degree at South Carolina's universities, and 47 percent of students earning a PhD-level degree in STEM. Even

28,754

available STEM jobs were advertised online in 2014, compared to **2,315** unemployed STEM workers.

The resulting ratio of open jobs to available workers was

12.4 to 1



8,483

Number of foreign-born STEM workers in South Carolina.

after America's universities invest in their education, however, many of those students struggle to remain in the country after graduation. Creating visa pathways that would make it easier for them to stay would provide a major economic benefit to South Carolina. A study by the Partnership for a New American Economy and the American Enterprise Institute found that every time a state gains 100 foreign-born STEM workers with graduate-level STEM training from a U.S. school, 262 more jobs are created for U.S.-born workers there in the seven years that follow.¹⁴ For South Carolina, that means that retaining even half of the 487 graduates earning advanced-level STEM degrees in 2014 could result in the creation of nearly 640 new positions for U.S.-born workers by 2021.

If half of South Carolina's **487** advanced level STEM grads on temporary visas stayed in the state after graduation...

638
jobs for U.S.-born workers would be created by 2021.



Healthcare

In the coming years, the American healthcare industry is projected to see incredibly rapid growth—adding more new positions from 2014 to 2024 than any other industry in our economy.¹⁶ Already, caregivers are facing near unprecedented levels of demand. Between 2013 and 2015, the number of Americans with health insurance rose by almost 17 million,¹⁶ opening the door for many patients to receive more regular care. The country’s 76.4 million baby boomers are also aging rapidly—at a major cost to our healthcare system. Studies have found that elderly Americans spend three

times more on healthcare services than those of working age each year.¹⁷

In South Carolina, a state where almost one out of every six residents is currently elderly, finding enough healthcare workers remains a challenge—and one that will likely worsen in the future. Currently the state has 246.8 practicing physicians per 100,000 people—a figure that ranks it 35th in the country in terms of physician coverage, relative to other states. All this comes on top of shortages already impacting the state across the

SOUTH CAROLINA HAS A SHORTAGE OF HEALTHCARE WORKERS

38,097

available healthcare jobs were advertised online in 2014, compared to **6,265** unemployed healthcare workers.

The resulting ratio of open jobs to available workers was

6.1 to 1



Additional number of psychiatrists needed now: **126**



Shortage of occupational therapists by 2030: **1,150**



Shortage of dentists projected by 2025: **284**



Shortage of licensed practical nurses by 2025: **3,910**



FOREIGN-BORN AND FOREIGN-EDUCATED PROFESSIONALS HELP FILL HEALTHCARE LABOR GAPS

Foreign-Educated

Doctors

1,774 graduates of foreign medical schools



Psychiatrists

123 graduates of foreign medical schools



Foreign-Born

Nurses

2,435 foreign-born workers



Nursing, Psychiatric, and Home Health Aides

1,258 foreign-born workers



entire healthcare workforce. In 2014, 6.1 healthcare jobs were listed online in South Carolina for every one unemployed healthcare worker in the state. As baby boomers age, a variety of other healthcare professions that cater largely to seniors, such as occupational therapists, will feel additional strain.¹⁸

Immigrants are already playing a valuable role helping South Carolina meet some of its healthcare workforce gaps. In 2016, more than one in seven physicians in South Carolina graduated from a foreign medical school, a likely sign that they were born elsewhere. Immigrant healthcare practitioners also made up 4.6 percent of

the state's nurses in 2014, as well as 3.2 percent of those working as nursing, psychiatric, or home health aides. In fact, South Carolina's share of foreign-born nurses ranks in the top 20 among states nationwide.

The share of nurses who are foreign-born in South Carolina is higher than average nationally.

Agriculture

19%

of farms in the state produced fresh fruits and vegetables in 2014.

47%

Share of miscellaneous agriculture workers on farms who are immigrants. (This is the occupation made up largely of laborers who hand pick crops in the field.)

\$1.6B

Amount agriculture contributes to South Carolina's GDP annually.

44%

Share of hired farmworkers in the state who are immigrants.

One sector of the economy that is important to the state of South Carolina is agriculture. In 2014, the agriculture industry contributed \$1.6 billion to South Carolina's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). It also directly employed almost 22,000 South Carolinians. Within this large industry, fresh fruits and vegetables play a prominent role. In 2014, farmers in South Carolina grew over \$148 million worth of fresh fruits, vegetables, and tree nuts. They also sold more than \$68.3 million worth of peaches, the state fruit.

South Carolina's role as a produce producer makes the state's agriculture industry inherently reliant on immigrants. Fresh fruits and vegetables—unlike commodity crops such as corn, soybeans, and wheat—almost always must be harvested by hand. And the so-called “field and crop workers” that perform that work are overwhelmingly foreign-born: From 2008 to 2012, immigrant workers made up 72.9 percent of field and crop laborers in the country as a whole. In South Carolina, that reality means that even when managers, packers, and equipment managers are included,

immigrants are still a huge part of the state's overall agricultural workforce. In 2014, more than two out of every five hired farmworkers in the state were born abroad.

The current visa system for agriculture presents many problems for states like South Carolina. The H-2A visa program, which is designed to bring in temporary farm laborers, is too expensive and burdensome for many U.S. farms.¹⁹ Growers frequently complain that delays issuing H-2A visas result in workers arriving weeks late, which can lead to crop loss. The visa's lack of portability also means that growers must often commit to pay workers for a longer period than they actually need them. For South Carolina growers, the lack of a workable visa—coupled with a huge drop-off in the number of farmworkers who have immigrated in recent years—has led to a labor picture that is increasingly untenable. Between 2002 and 2014, the number of field and crop workers in South Carolina, Alabama, and Georgia decreased by 26.9 percent.²⁰ Wage trends indicate this caused a major labor shortage on South Carolina farms:

\$148.4M

Farm receipts generated from the sale of fruits, vegetables, and nuts in 2014.

South Carolina's leading agricultural exports include plant products (like sweeteners and planting seeds), broiler meat, cotton.

TOP FOUR FRESH PRODUCE ITEMS PRODUCED IN THE STATE, AS MEASURED BY FARM RECEIPTS



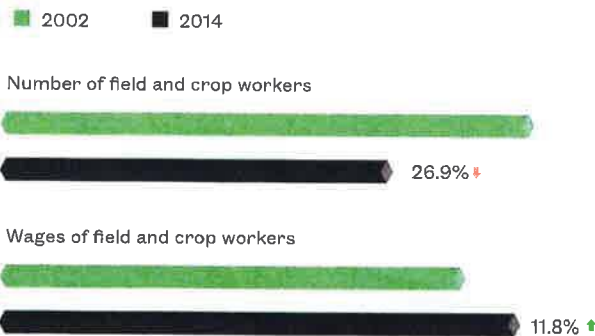
Real wages for field and crop workers jumped by 11.8 percent during the period.

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The shortage of qualified field and crop workers has made it difficult for many farmers in South Carolina to keep pace with rising consumer demand for fresh fruits

and vegetables. Between the 1998-2000 and 2010-2012 time periods, for instance, the share of produce consumed by Americans that was imported from other countries grew by 79.3 percent. Labor issues explain an estimated 27 percent of that market share loss. Many farmers say a shortage of manpower has forced them to either cut back on the acres devoted to labor-intensive crops or abandon expansion plans altogether.²¹ Such moves, in South Carolina and elsewhere, have cost the U.S. economy in recent years. If labor shortages had not been an issue, the country would have had an additional 24,000 jobs by 2012, including 17,000 in fields related to agriculture, like transportation and irrigation. The U.S. economy would have had \$1.3 billion in additional farm income by 2012 as well.

THE SUPPLY OF FIELD AND CROP WORKERS IN THE STATE IS DECREASING, LEADING TO LABOR SHORTAGES



6,956 ↓

Decline in the number of field and crop workers in South Carolina, Alabama, and Georgia from 2002-2014

When farms lack enough field and crop workers, they often are unable to complete their harvest, leading to crop loss in the fields. Wages go up as well, as growers struggle to compete for the small pool of workers remaining.

* Data on individual states is unavailable.

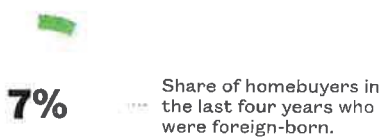
Housing

Immigrant families have long played an important role helping to build housing wealth in the United States. One study released by the Partnership for a New American Economy and Americas Society/Council of the Americas found that, in recent decades, the country's more than 40 million immigrants collectively raised U.S. housing wealth by \$3.7 trillion. Much of this was possible because immigrants moved into neighborhoods once in decline, helping to revitalize communities and make them more attractive to U.S.-born residents.²²

In South Carolina, immigrants are actively strengthening the state's housing market. The roughly 50,000

foreign-born homeowners in the state held almost \$10 billion in housing wealth in 2014. Immigrant-led households also generated 7.1 percent of the state's rental income, even though they led only 5 percent of households in the state. Because South Carolina's immigrants are more likely to be of working age, they help address another major concern of housing experts: The large wave of baby boomers retiring in the coming years could result in more homes going up for sale than there are buyers to purchase them. In a state where seniors already own 32.4 percent of homes, immigrant families made up 7.1 percent of new homebuyers from 2010 to 2014—a larger-than-expected portion, given their share of the population.

Immigrants are **bolstering the housing market** by buying the wave of homes coming on the market as the baby boomers retire.



50,255

Number of immigrant homeowners in 2014

\$9.6B

Amount of housing wealth held by immigrant households

4.1% OF TOTAL

\$32.7M

Amount paid by immigrant-led households in rent

7.1% OF TOTAL

Visa Demand

One key measure of the demand for immigrant workers involves the number of visas requested by employers in a given state. Before an employer can formally apply for many types of visas, however, it must first obtain “certification” from the Department of Labor—essentially a go-ahead from the DOL that the employer can apply for a visa to fill a given job or role. For the H-1B visa, which is used to sponsor high-skilled workers, an employer gains certification by filing what’s known as a Labor Condition Application, or LCA. In the LCA the employer must detail

the position the foreign national would fill, the salary he would be paid, and the geographic location of the job. Firms must also attest that hiring an immigrant will not adversely impact similarly situated American workers. For two other large work visa categories—the H-2A for agricultural laborers and the H-2B for seasonal or temporary needs—employers file what is known as a Labor Certification application, or a “labor cert” for short. To get a labor cert approved, the employer must demonstrate that it is unable to locate an American worker that is available, willing, and able to fill the job.

H-1B

Number of positions:

4,977

Top jobs:

- Computer Systems Analysts
- Computer Occupations, All Other
- Computer Programmers

GREEN CARD

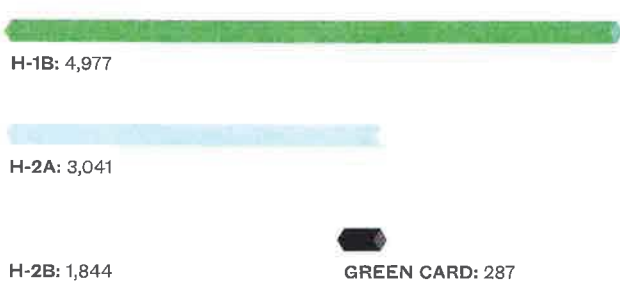
Number of positions:

287

Top jobs:

- Maids and Housekeeping
- Software Developers, Applications
- Aerospace Engineers

CERTIFIED POSITIONS BY VISA TYPE, 2014



* This includes only employment-based green cards

H-2A

Number of positions:

3,041

Top crops or jobs:

- Peaches
- General Farm Workers
- Tomatoes

H-2B

Number of positions:

1,844

Top jobs:

- Forest and Conservation Workers
- Housekeeping Cleaners
- Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers

IF ALL APPROVED LCAS HAD TURNED INTO VISAS...

4,977 LCAs for H-1B workers could have created **9,108 jobs**.

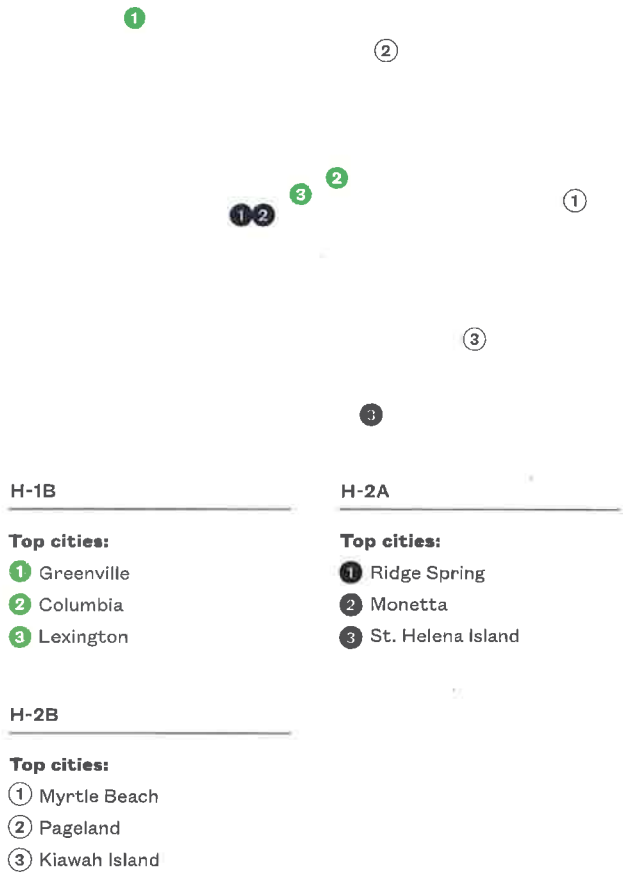


In fiscal year 2014, South Carolina employers received DOL certification for more than 10,000 positions, including jobs across a wide variety of occupations and geographies within the state. They included nearly 5,000 positions for potential workers on H-1B visas, as well as roughly 3,000 for H-2A workers. Federal officials also issued more than 1,800 certifications for H-2B visas, which are frequently used to staff places like hotels, fisheries, and stables during the high season. Given that it is expensive and cumbersome for employers to obtain labor certs—and similarly daunting to formally apply for an H-1B visa—the large interest in all these visa categories indicates South Carolina employers likely were having real trouble finding the workers they needed on U.S. soil.

Applying for certification, however, is not the same as receiving a visa. The H-1B program is currently capped at 85,000 visas a year for private sector employers. In the country as a whole, this resulted in almost half of all such applications being rejected in fiscal year 2014 alone. The H-2B program is similarly limited to just 66,000 visas per year. Even permanent immigrants get ensnared in the limitations of our outdated immigration system. Only 7 percent of all green cards can go to nationals of any one country in a given year—resulting in backlogs lasting years for many Indian, Chinese, Mexican, and Filipino workers.²³

When companies are denied the visas they need, company expansion is commonly slowed—often at a real and meaningful cost to the U.S.-born population. One study by the Partnership for a New American Economy and the American Enterprise Institute estimated that when a state receives 100 H-2B visas, 464 jobs are created for U.S.-born workers in the seven years that follow.²⁴ The fact that H-1B visa holders actually create—not take away—jobs from Americans has also been widely supported in the literature. A 2013 paper written by professors at Harvard University, looking at the 1995 to 2008 period, found that one additional young, high-skilled immigrant worker hired by a firm created 3.1 jobs for U.S.-born workers at that same company during the period studied.²⁵ Other academics have tied each H-1B

CITIES ARE DEMANDING VISAS ALL OVER THE STATE



visa award or labor request with the creation of four²⁶ or five²⁷ American jobs in the immediate years that follow.

In this brief, we rely on a more conservative estimate of the impact of the H-1B program on the American workforce. Specifically, we use the estimate that every 1 additional H-1B visa awarded to a state was associated with the creation of 1.83 more jobs for U.S.-born workers there in the following seven years.²⁸ On the first page of this section, we show the number of jobs that would have been created for U.S.-born workers in South Carolina by 2020, if all the fiscal year 2014 LCAs for H-1Bs had turned into actual visas.

Naturalization

South Carolina's immigrants are not only living in the state, they are also laying down roots as well. Our analysis found that 38.8 percent of immigrants in South Carolina, or over one in three of them, have already become naturalized citizens. Although that figure is lower than the naturalization rate for immigrants in the country as a whole, it still means that almost 88,000 immigrants in the state have taken that important step.

Like almost all parts of the country, South Carolina is home to a population of immigrants who are eligible to naturalize, but haven't yet done so. Embracing public policies that would help those individuals navigate the naturalization process could have an important economic impact on the state. Studies have found

that immigrants who become citizens seek out higher education at greater rates than non-citizens.²⁹ Because citizenship allows immigrants to pursue a greater range of positions, including public and private sector jobs requiring a security clearance, it also has been found to raise a person's annual wages. One study by researchers at the University of Southern California pegged the size of that wage increase at 8 to 11 percent.³⁰ If the average non-citizen in South Carolina saw a wage boost at the low end of that range, or 8 percent, she would earn more than \$2,200 more per year—money that could be reinvested in the state's economy through her spending at local businesses. Multiplied by the roughly 72,000 non-citizens in South Carolina currently eligible to naturalize, such policy initiatives could collectively boost wages in the state by almost \$162.0 million.

72,494

Number of non-citizens eligible to naturalize in 2014

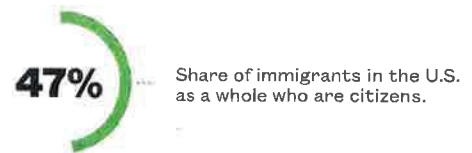
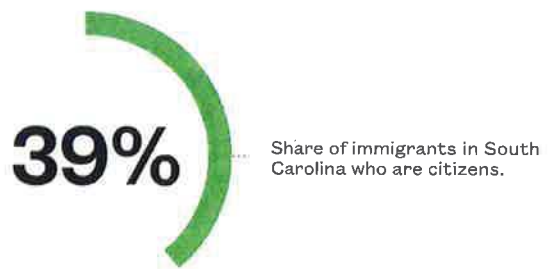


The average non-citizen in South Carolina earns **\$27,932** per year. If they naturalized, they each could earn an average of **\$2,235 more** per year.

\$162.0M

Aggregate additional earnings if eligible non-citizens naturalized.

NATURALIZATION RATES IN SOUTH CAROLINA



International Students

Policymakers are increasingly realizing that international students provide huge benefits to the communities where they live and study. The World Bank has found that an increase in the number of international graduate students studying at American schools leads to large boosts in the number of patents awarded to local research universities in the years that follow.³¹ Through their tuition payments and day-to-day spending, international students in the broader United States also contributed more than \$30.5 billion to the U.S. economy in the 2014-2015 school year and supported more than 370,000 jobs.³²

In South Carolina, the roughly 4,900 international college students studying on temporary visas make up just 2 percent of all college students in the state. Still,

their economic contribution is enormous. They support more than 1,400 jobs in the state, including positions in transportation, health insurance, and retail.

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International students represent a very small portion of all students in South Carolina, but they make a big impact...

2%

International students make up only **2%** of all students in the state.

\$130.5M

Economic contribution of international students to South Carolina, 2015.

1,405

Jobs supported by international students, 2015.

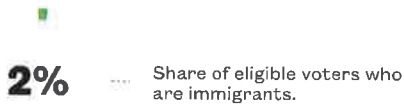
Voting Power

Immigrants in South Carolina not only make a difference to the state's economy, they also play a role at the voting booth. In 2014, South Carolina was home to more than 81,000 foreign-born residents who were eligible to vote, including an estimated 47,000 foreign-born residents who had formally registered. ~~Those numbers are unlikely to sway a presidential election in this relatively safe Republican state, where Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney won by roughly 206,000 votes in 2012. Still, it can make a difference in closer statewide contests and primaries.~~

Going forward, immigrants will likely continue to gain voting power in South Carolina. Based on voting participation patterns in recent years, we would expect more than 37,000 foreign-born voters to cast formal ballots in the presidential election this year. An additional 24,000 more immigrants will either ~~naturalize or turn 18 by 2020, expanding the pool of~~ eligible new American voters in South Carolina to almost 99,000 people.

81,186

Number of immigrants eligible to vote.



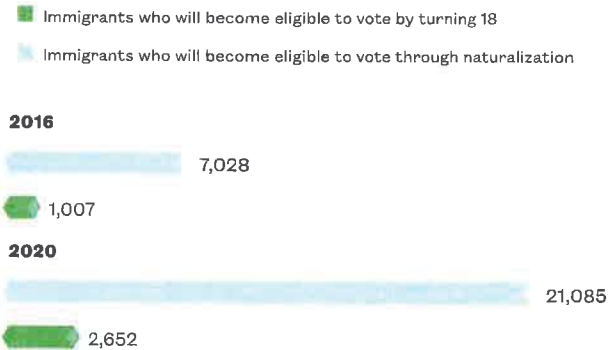
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Number of immigrants registered to vote.

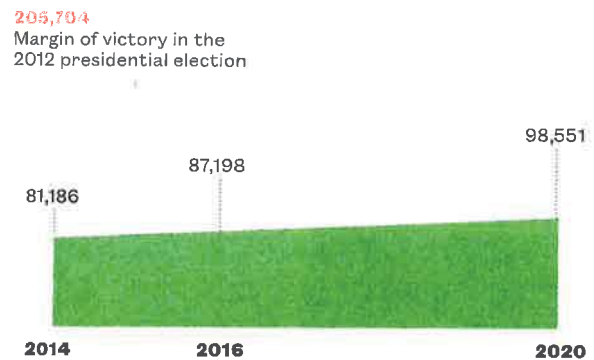
205,704

Margin of victory in the 2012 presidential election.

THE GROWING POWER OF THE IMMIGRANT VOTE



PROJECTED POOL OF ELIGIBLE IMMIGRANT VOTERS, 2014-2020



Undocumented Population

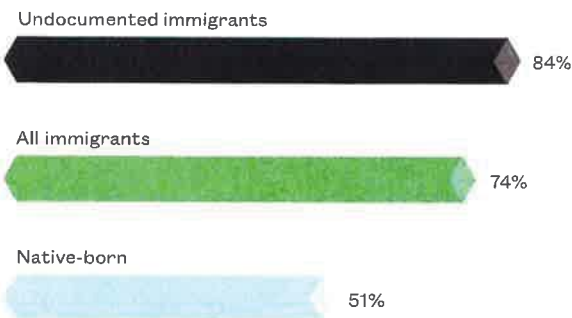
The United States is currently home to an estimated 11.4 million undocumented immigrants, the vast majority of whom have lived in the United States for more than five years. The presence of so many undocumented immigrants in our country for such a long time presents many legal and political challenges that are beyond the scope of this report. But while politicians continue to debate what to do about illegal immigration without any resolution, millions of undocumented immigrants are actively working across the country, and collectively, these immigrants have a large impact on the U.S. economy. One recent study found that 86.6 percent of undocumented males in the country were employed in 2012 and 2013, suggesting that most immigrants who come here illegally do so because of work opportunities. And because employers are required by law to gather Social Security numbers for all their hires, many

undocumented individuals are paying into our tax system as well—often under falsified or incorrect Social Security numbers. These undocumented immigrants generally lack access to federal aid programs such as Medicaid, food stamps, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, so they also draw down far less from these programs than their native-born counterparts.³⁵

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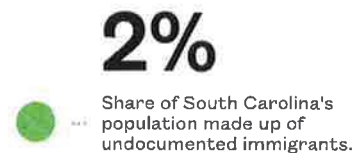
UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE WORKING-AGED THAN NATIVES OR OTHER IMMIGRANTS

Share of population ages 25-64, 2014



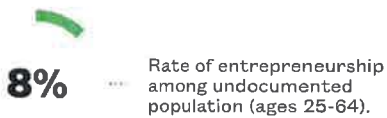
92,991

Estimated number of undocumented immigrants in South Carolina.



6,419

Estimated number of undocumented entrepreneurs in South Carolina.



\$79.3M

Total business income of self-employed entrepreneurs.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIES WHERE UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS MAKE UP THE LARGEST SHARE OF THE WORKFORCE, 2014

Construction



Agriculture



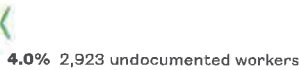
Administrative, Support, Waste Management Services



Accommodation and Food Services



Other Services



Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation



Manufacturing



■ Share of workforce that is undocumented
Total number of workers

Of course, there are many compelling reasons why having a large undocumented population is a problem for a society. It undermines law and order, permits a shadow economy that is far harder to regulate, and is simply unfair to the millions of people who have come here legally. But as the undocumented immigration problem has gone largely unaddressed for the past 30 years, undocumented workers in the country have begun to play an increasingly integral role in many U.S. industries. In some sectors, such as agriculture, undocumented immigrants account for 50 percent of all hired crop workers, making them a critical reason why the industry is able to thrive on U.S. soil.³⁶ Many

studies have also indicated that these undocumented workers are not displacing the U.S.-born, but rather, taking jobs few Americans are interested in pursuing. Economists have found that low-skilled immigrants, the group that most undocumented immigrants fall into, tend to pursue different jobs than less-skilled natives. While U.S.-born workers without a high school diploma are often overrepresented in forward-facing roles like cashiers, receptionists, and coffee shop attendants, many less-skilled immigrants pursue more labor-intensive work requiring less human interaction, filling jobs as meat processors, sewing machine operators, or nail salon workers.³⁷ This phenomenon exists within

industries as well. In construction, for instance, less-skilled immigrants often work as painters and drywall installers, allowing natives to move into higher-paying positions requiring more training, such as electricians, contractors, and plumbers.³⁸

The challenge of undocumented immigration is becoming increasingly apparent in places like South Carolina, which have not historically been home to a large number of such immigrants. But just as with the nation as a whole, as these immigrants spend years and decades in America, they get further integrated into our economy. In South Carolina, there is evidence that undocumented immigrants are playing a small but critical role in the workforce. In this section, we estimate the size and the characteristics of the undocumented population in South Carolina by conducting a close analysis of the American Community Survey from the U.S. Census. This work uses a series of variables to identify immigrants in the survey who are likely to lack legal status—a method that has recently emerged in the academic literature on immigration.³⁹ (See the Methodology Appendix for more details.)

Using this technique, we estimate that South Carolina is home to almost 93,000 undocumented immigrants.

These individuals are far more likely than the native-born population—or even the broader foreign-born one—to be in the prime of their working years, ranging in age from 25 to 64. They also contribute to a range of industries that could not thrive without a pool of workers willing to take on highly labor-intensive roles. In 2014, for instance, undocumented immigrants made up 9.8 percent of all employees in South Carolina’s administrative, support, and waste management services industry, a sector that includes maintenance workers, janitors and building cleaners, and security guards. They also made up more than one in six workers employed in construction, as well as 11.4 percent of workers in the agriculture industry. In South Carolina, a state that grows a large amount of fresh produce, many agriculture positions require workers to handpick crops in the field.

Large numbers of undocumented immigrants in South Carolina have also managed to overcome licensing and financing obstacles to start small businesses. In 2014, an estimated 8.2 percent of the state’s working-age undocumented immigrants were self-employed—meaning South Carolina was the rare state where unauthorized immigrants boasted higher rates of

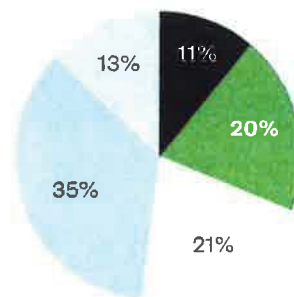
MEASURES OF ASSIMILATION AMONG SOUTH CAROLINA'S UNDOCUMENTED POPULATION, 2014

Time in the United States



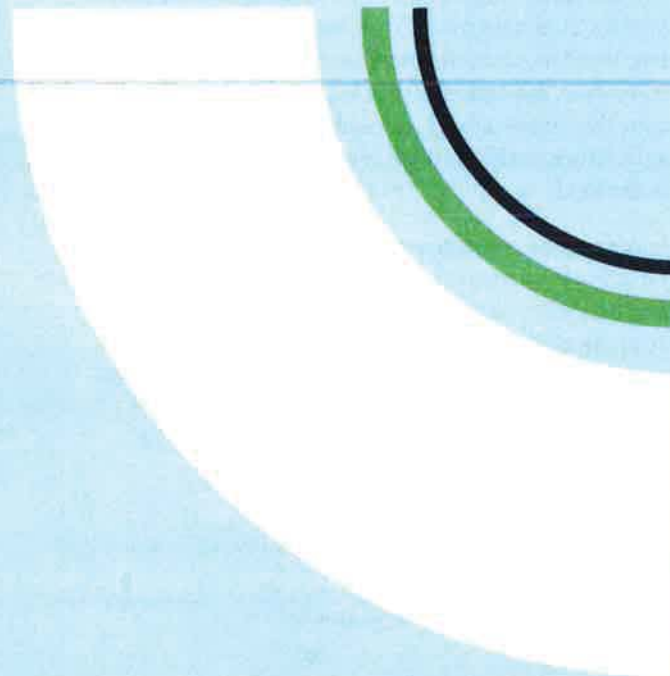
Share of undocumented immigrants who have been in the U.S. for five years or more.

English Proficiency (population ages 5+)



■ Speaks only English ■ Speaks English well
 ■ Speaks English very well ■ Does not speak English well
 ■ Does not speak any English

In 2014,
undocumented
immigrants in South
Carolina earned
\$1.2B.



\$44.9M — Went to state and local taxes...

\$90.0M — Went to federal taxes...

Leaving them with **\$1.1B** in remaining
spending power.

ENTITLEMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Undocumented immigrants also contribute to our country's entitlement programs. In 2014, through taxes on their individual wages, immigrants contributed **\$22.7M** to Medicare and **\$96.1M** to Social Security.



Medicare



Social Security

entrepreneurship than either legal permanent residents or immigrant citizens of the same age group. More than 6,000 undocumented immigrants in South Carolina were self-employed in 2014, many providing jobs and economic opportunities to others in their community. Undocumented entrepreneurs in the state also earned an estimated \$79.3 million in business income that year.

The larger political debate around the economic cost or benefits of undocumented immigration tends to focus on the expense of educating immigrant children or the healthcare costs associated with increased use of emergency rooms and other services. These costs are real and can be substantial, but taken alone they paint an incomplete picture of the impact of undocumented immigration. This is because the debate infrequently recognizes that because most undocumented immigrants are working, they also make large federal and state tax contributions and frequently are net contributors to many of our most important—and most imperiled—benefits programs. Social Security’s Chief Actuary, for example, has credited unauthorized immigrants with contributing \$100 billion more to Social Security than they drew down in benefits during the last decade.⁴⁰ Several in-depth studies at the state level have similarly come to the conclusion that undocumented immigrants represent a net benefit to the states in which they live. One paper, from researchers at Arizona State University, estimated that undocumented immigrants in that state pay \$2.4 billion in taxes each year—a figure far eclipsing the \$1.4 billion spent on the law enforcement, education, and healthcare resources they use.⁴¹ Another study estimated that, on a per capita basis, Florida’s undocumented immigrants pay \$1,500 more in taxes than they draw down in public benefits each year.⁴²

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Although we are currently unable to calculate the amount spent on any public benefits or services used by undocumented immigrant families, we can gain a fairly clear sense of the amount they are paying in taxes each year. A variety of studies have estimated that anywhere from 50 to 80 percent of households led by undocumented immigrants file federal income taxes annually.⁴³ Federal government officials have also estimated that 75 percent of undocumented workers have taxes withheld from their paychecks.⁴⁴ In this paper, we make the assumption that 50 percent of the country’s undocumented households paid income taxes in 2014. Although many experts would call this share highly conservative, it has been modeled in several academic papers, and also by think tanks that specialize exclusively in the study of U.S. tax policy.⁴⁵

In 2014, we estimate that South Carolina households led by undocumented immigrants earned more than \$1.2 billion in income. Of that, they paid an estimated \$90 million in federal taxes. They also contributed almost \$96.1 million directly to the Social Security program through taxes on their individual wages. South Carolina’s undocumented immigrants also made an important impact through their state and local tax contributions—money that many localities use to pay for police forces, public education, and city services like garbage collection and recycling. We estimate that South Carolina’s undocumented immigrants paid almost \$44.9 million in state and local taxes in 2014.

Giving legal status to undocumented immigrants would increase their access to a variety of public benefits—resulting in potentially higher costs for federal, state, and local governments. But because legalization is expected to raise the earning power of undocumented immigrants and give them access to a wider array of jobs and educational opportunities, it would have the opposite effect as well, potentially allowing them to spend more as consumers and pay more in taxes each year.⁴⁶ Provisions within immigration reform requiring that undocumented immigrants pay any back taxes before normalizing their status would temporarily boost U.S. tax revenues still further.

But while the debate over legalization continues without resolution, the data suggests that the undocumented

immigrants in South Carolina have largely assimilated into the United States, making it less likely that mass deportation will ever be a realistic option. We estimate that 76.7 percent of the state's undocumented population has been in the United States for five or more years. More than 52.6 percent speak English well, very well, or fluently. Studies show that when immigrants with limited English proficiency learn the language, they see a substantial wage benefit and become less isolated in their communities.⁴⁷ The labor market outcomes and educational levels of their children increase with time as well.⁴⁸

Methodology

The vast majority of data that appears in this brief was calculated by the Partnership for a New American Economy research team, using a variety of publicly available data sources. Our work relied most heavily on the 2014 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year sample using the Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS) database.¹ Unless otherwise noted this data is weighted using the person weight for analysis at the individual level, and is weighted using the household weight for analysis at the household level.

Demographics

The data points on the foreign-born population in the demographics section are calculated using both the 2010 and 2014 ACS 1-year sample.

Entrepreneurship

The data on self-employed immigrants and the business income generated by immigrant entrepreneurs come from the 2014 ACS 1-year sample. We define immigrants as foreign-born individuals (excluding those that are children of U.S. citizens or born on U.S. territories).

The number of employees at immigrant-owned firms is estimated by using the 2007 Survey of Business Owners (SBO) Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS),² which is the most recent microdata on business owners currently available. The estimates are weighted using the tabulation weights provided in the dataset. We define immigrant-owned businesses as firms with at least one foreign-born owner. For confidentiality, the data exclude businesses classified as publicly owned firms because they can be easily identified in many states. Based on our own analysis, we believe that many of the publicly owned firms excluded from this data are companies with

500 employees or more. As a result, the final number of employees at immigrant-owned companies in this report is a conservative estimate, and is likely lower than the true value.

Fortune magazine ranks U.S. companies by revenue and publishes a list of top 500 companies and their annual revenue as well as their employment level each year. To produce our estimates, we use the 2015 Fortune 500 list.³ Our estimates in this section build on past work done by PNAE examining each of the Fortune 500 firms in the country in 2011, and determining who founded them.⁴ We then use publicly available data, including historical U.S. Census records and information obtained directly by the firms, to determine the background of each founder. In the rare cases where we could not determine a founder's background, we assumed that the individual was U.S.-born to be conservative in our estimates. Some firms created through the merger of a large number of smaller companies or public entities were also excluded from our analysis. These included all companies in the utilities sector and several in insurance.

To produce the Fortune 500 estimates for each state, we allocate firms to the states where their current headquarters are located. We then aggregate and report the annual revenue and employment of the firms in each state that we identify as "New American" Fortune 500 companies. These are firms with at least one founder who was an immigrant or the child of immigrants.

Income and Tax Contributions

Using the 2014 ACS 1-year data, we estimate the aggregate household income, tax contributions, and spending power of foreign-born households.

To produce these estimates, a foreign-born household is defined as a household with a foreign-born household head. Immigrant sub-groups are defined as follows: 1) Asian immigrants refer to the foreign-born persons who self identify as Chinese, Taiwanese, Japanese, Filipino, Asian Indian, Korean, Native Hawaiian, Vietnamese, Bhutanese, Mongolian, Nepalese, Cambodian, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Bangladeshi, Burmese, Indonesian, Malaysian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Samoan, Tongan, Guamanian/Chamorro, Fijian, or other Pacific Islanders; 2) Hispanic immigrants include those foreign-born persons who report their ethnicity as Hispanic; 3) Immigrants grouped under Sub-Saharan Africa originate from African countries, excluding the North African countries of Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, and Morocco; 4) Middle Eastern and North African immigrants are foreign-born persons from North Africa as well as the following Middle Eastern countries: Iran, Iraq, Bahrain, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arab, Syria, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

In this brief, mirroring past PNAE reports on this topic, we use the term “spending power.”⁵ Here and elsewhere we define spending power as the disposable income leftover after subtracting federal, state, and local taxes from household income. We estimate state and local taxes using the tax rates estimates produced by Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy by state income quintiles.⁶ For federal tax rate estimates, we use data released by the Congressional Budget Office in 2014 and calculate the federal tax based on the household income federal tax bracket.⁷

Social Security and Medicare contributions are drawn from taxes on an individual’s wage earnings.⁸ This is far different from a household’s overall income, which may include other revenue streams such as rental income and returns on investments. To account for this difference between overall federal taxes and Social Security and Medicare contributions, we estimate Medicare and Social Security contributions based on wage and salary data provided at the individual level in the ACS. For self-employed individuals, we use the self-employment income as the income base. The amount of earnings that can be taxed by the Social Security

program is capped at \$117,000, while there no such limit for the Medicare program.⁹ We use a flat tax rate of 12.4 percent to estimate Social Security contributions and 2.9 percent for to capture Medicare contributions. This estimates the total amount that immigrants and their employers contributed in 2014.¹⁰

It is also worth noting that half of the amount contributed to Social Security and Medicare (6.4 percent of Social Security tax rate and 1.45 percent of Medicare tax rate) comes from individual workers, while the other half comes directly from their employers. Self-employed workers have to pay the full tax themselves. When estimating Social Security and Medicare contributions, we include all individual wage earners in the households and aggregate the amount paid by state.

Workforce

We use the 2014 ACS 1-year sample to estimate all data points in the workforce segment of the report. We define the working age population as those 25 to 64 years old. When estimating how much more foreign-born persons are likely to be employed than native-born persons, however, we calculate the percentage of native-born and foreign-born residents of all ages who were employed in 2014. The reason why we choose a more inclusive population for that estimate is because we want to make the point that the increased likelihood of being working aged that we see among immigrants leads to higher employment in the vast majority of states.

Because the employment status of people who are 16 years old or younger is not available in the ACS, we assume that these young people are not employed. The employed population also does not include those in the Armed Forces.

To estimate how much more likely immigrants are to be employed than natives, we calculate the percent difference between the immigrant and native-born employment rates. Our estimates on the share of immigrants and natives of different education levels only take into consideration individuals aged 25 or older.

The North American Industry Classification System, or NAICS Industry code, is used to estimate the industries with the largest share of foreign-born workers. All individuals 16 years old and above are included in these calculations. The total number of workers for certain industries in some states is extremely small, thus skewing results. In order to avoid this, we calculate the percentile distribution of the total number of workers per industry per state and drop the industries in each state that fall below the lowest 25th percentile. Estimated occupations with the largest share of foreign-born workers per state also follow the same restrictions—the universe is restricted to workers age 16 and above, and the occupations per state that fall under the 25th percentile benchmark are not included.

Our estimates on the number of manufacturing jobs created or preserved by immigrants rely on a 2013 report by the Partnership for a New American Economy and the Americas Society/Council of the Americas. That report used instrumental variable (IV) strategy in regression analysis and found that every 1,000 immigrants living in a county in 2010 created or preserved 46 manufacturing jobs there.¹¹ We use that multiplier and apply it to the 2010 population data from the ACS to produce our estimates.

Agriculture

We access the agriculture GDP by state from Bureau of Economic Analysis, which includes GDP contributions from the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting industry.¹² The share of foreign-born agricultural workers is estimated using 2014 ACS 1-year sample. Additional data on agriculture output, top three crops per state, and leading agricultural exports come from United State Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s state fact sheets.¹³ When displayed, data on sales receipts generated by the top fresh produce items in each state come the Farm and Wealth Statistics cash receipts by commodity tables available from the USDA's Economic Research Service.¹⁴

The agriculture section uses the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wage (QCEW) to estimate the

percentage of crop farms producing fresh fruits and vegetables, and change in real wage of agricultural workers between 2002 and 2014. The QCEW data uses the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) to assign establishments to different industries. We identify the following farms as fresh fruits and vegetable farms: other vegetable and melon farming, orange groves, citrus, apple orchards, grape vineyards, strawberry farming, berry farming, fruit and tree nut combination farming, other non-citrus fruit farming, mushroom production, other food crops grown under cover, and sugar beet farming.

The decline in the number of field and crop workers comes from the quarterly Farm Labor Survey (FLS) administered by USDA.¹⁵ Stephen Bronars, an economist with Edgeworth Economics, previously analyzed and produced these estimates for the PNAE report, "A Vanishing Breed: How the Decline in U.S. Farm Laborers Over the Last Decade has Hurt the U.S. Economy and Slowed Production on American Farms" published in 2015. Additional information on those calculations can be found in the methodology section of that paper.¹⁶

Finally, for a small number of states, we also produce estimates showing how growers in the state are losing market share for specific produce items consumed each year by Americans, such as avocados or strawberries. Those estimates originate in a 2014 report produced by PNAE and the Agriculture Coalition for Immigration Reform.¹⁷ The author used data from the USDA's annual "yearbook" for fresh fruits and vegetables, among other sources, to produce those estimates. More detail can be found in the methodology of that report.

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

We use the STEM occupation list released by U.S. Census Bureau to determine the number and share of foreign-born STEM workers as well as the number of unemployed STEM workers from 2014 ACS 1-year data.¹⁸ Per U.S. Census classification, healthcare workers such as physicians and dentists are not counted as working in

the STEM occupations. All unemployed workers who list their previous job as a STEM occupation are counted as unemployed STEM workers.

To capture the demand for STEM workers, we use the Labor Insight tool developed by Burning Glass Technologies, a leading labor market analytics firm. Burning Glass, which is used by policy researchers and academics, scours almost 40,000 online sources daily and compiles results on the number and types of jobs and skills being sought by U.S. employers. This search includes online job boards, individual employer sites, newspapers, and public agencies, among other sources. Burning Glass has an algorithm and artificial intelligence tool that identifies and eliminates duplicate listings—including ones posted to multiple job boards as part of a broad search.¹⁹

The data on STEM graduates are from the 2014 Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) completion survey.²⁰ A study by the Partnership for a New American Economy and the American Enterprise Institute found that every time a state gains 100 foreign-born STEM workers with graduate-level STEM training from a U.S. school, 262 more jobs are created for U.S.-born workers there in the seven years that follow.²¹ We use this multiplier and the number of STEM advanced level graduates on temporary visas to estimate the number of jobs created for U.S.-born workers.

The last part of the STEM section presents data on patents with at least one foreign-born inventor. The data is originally from a study by Partnership for a New American Economy in 2012, which relied on data from U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's database as well as LinkedIn, direct correspondence, and online profiles to determine the nativity of individual inventors.²²

Healthcare

We estimate the number of unemployed healthcare workers using the 2014 ACS 1-year sample. Healthcare workers are healthcare practitioners and technical occupations, or healthcare support occupations as defined by U.S. Census Bureau.²³

Unemployed healthcare workers are individuals who report their previous job as a healthcare occupation, and their employment status as currently not working but looking for work. We took the number of job postings for healthcare workers from the Burning Glass Labor Insight tool, a database that scours online sources and identifies the number and types of job postings. We describe this resource in detail in the section on STEM methodology.

We then delve into specific occupations within the broader healthcare industry. To produce the figures on the total number of physicians and psychiatrists and the share born abroad, we use American Medical Association (AMA) Physician Masterfile data. To give a sense of the supply and demand of physicians and psychiatrists, we also calculate the physician and psychiatrist density in each state by dividing the total number of physicians or psychiatrists by the population estimates in 2015 for each state.²⁴ As for the share of foreign-born nurses and home health aides, we use the 2014 ACS 5-year sample data because data from the 1-year sample is too small to make reliable estimates.

We estimate the shortage of psychiatrists, dentists, and occupational therapists using data from the various U.S. government offices. For example, the shortage of psychiatrists refers to the current lack of psychiatrists per the U.S. government's official definition of a mental health shortage area (1/30,000 residents) in each county, aggregated within each state.²⁵ The shortage of dentists is from an analysis by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,²⁶ and the shortage of occupational workers is from a journal article published by *PM&R*, the official scientific journal of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.²⁷ For psychiatrists, we project future shortages by accounting for individuals in these occupations as they reach the retirement age of 65.

Housing

The data in the housing section comes from the 2014 ACS 1-year sample. Immigrant homeowners are defined as foreign-born householders who reported living in

their own home. We estimate the amount of housing wealth held by immigrant households by aggregating the total housing value of homes owned by immigrant-led households. We also estimate the amount of rent paid by immigrant-led households by aggregating the rent paid by such families. We then calculate the share of housing wealth and rent that immigrant households held or paid compared to the total population. For characteristics of homeowners, a foreign-born new homebuyer is defined as a household with a foreign-born household head who owned and moved to the current residence within the last five years.

Visa Demand

The data on visa demand are drawn primarily from the 2014 Annual Report produced by the Office of Foreign Labor Certification within the U.S. Department of Labor.²⁸ Our figures on the number of visa requests authorized for each state—as well as the occupations and cities those visas are tied to—originate directly from that report.

In this section, we also present estimates on the number of jobs that would have been created if all the visas authorized in 2014 had resulted in actual visa awards. The multipliers we use to produce these estimates originate in a 2011 report released by PNAE and the American Enterprise Institute. That report, written by the economist Madeline Zavodny, used a reduced-form model to examine the relationship between the share of each state's population that was immigrant and the employment rate of U.S. natives. More detail on Zavodny's calculations and the multipliers produced for each visa type can be found in the methodology appendix of that report.²⁹

For purposes of these briefs, we use Zavodny's finding that the award of 100 additional H-1B visas in a state is tied to 183 additional jobs for natives there in the 7 years that follow. The award of 100 additional H-2B visas creates 464 additional jobs for natives in the state during that same time period. We apply these multipliers to the number of visas in those categories authorized for each state in 2014.

In many of the state reports, we also present figures showing how visa denials resulting from the 2007 and 2008 H-1B lotteries cost the tech sectors of metropolitan areas both employment and wage growth in the two years that followed. The economists Giovanni Peri, Kevin Shih, and Chad Sparber produced these estimates for a PNAE report on the H-1B visa system that was released in 2014. That report relied on Labor Condition Application and I-129 data that the authors obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request, as well as American Community Survey data from 2006 and 2011. The authors did regressions that examined the causal relationship between a “shock” in the supply of H-1B computer workers and computer employment in subsequent years for more than 200 metropolitan areas. More information on those estimates can be found in the methodology appendix of that report.³⁰

Naturalization

Using the ACS 2014 1-year sample, non-citizens eligible to naturalize are defined as non-citizens who are 18 years or above, can speak English, and have continuous residence in the United States for at least five years.

Researchers at the University of Southern California's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration published a report in 2012, “Citizen Gain: The Economic Benefits of Naturalization for Immigrants and the Economy,” which concluded that immigrants experience an 8 to 11 percent gain in their individual wages as a result of becoming naturalized. Because this earnings gain phases in over time—and we want to be conservative in our estimates—we model a wage increase of just 8 percent when discussing the possible gains that could accrue due to naturalization.³¹ We use this multiplier and the mean individual wages of non-citizens in each state to estimate the additional earnings that non-citizens would earn if they naturalized. Finally, we calculate the aggregate wage earnings boost by multiplying the total number of non-citizens who are eligible for naturalization by the average increase in wage income per person.

International Students

We obtain the size and share of postsecondary students who are international in each state from the 2014 Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) fall enrollment data. Those figures are then applied to preexisting work previously done by NAFSA, an organization representing professionals employed in the international offices of colleges and universities across the United States. NAFSA has developed an economic value tool and methodology that estimates the total economic benefit and jobs created or supported by international students and their dependents in each state.³² The economic contributions include the costs of higher education along with living expenses minus U.S.-based financial support that international students receive.

Because the enrollment data from IPEDS that we use in this brief is different from the underlying data used by NAFSA, our figures differ slightly from the NAFSA estimates of the economic contributions made by international students in the 2014-2015 school year.

Voting

The estimates for the number of registered and active voters who are foreign-born are calculated from the Voter Supplement in the Current Population Survey (CPS) for the years 2008, 2010, 2012, and 2014 using the IPUMS database. The sample in CPS includes civilian non-institutional persons only. Foreign-born individuals who stated having voted between 2008 and 2014 are termed active voters.

Using data from the 2014 ACS 1-year sample, we estimate the number and share of foreign-born eligible voters. We define them as naturalized citizens aged 18 or older who live in housing units. Persons living in institutional group quarters such as correctional facilities or non-institutional group quarters such as residential treatment facilities for adults are excluded from the estimation. We also estimate the number of new foreign-born voters who will become eligible to vote in 2016 and 2020, either by turning 18 or through

naturalization, as well as the total number of foreign-born voters in these years. The estimates of newly eligible voters for 2016 include naturalized citizen ages 16 and 17 as of 2014 (thereby becoming of voting age by 2016). Those eligible to vote in 2020 include all naturalized citizens ages 12-17 in 2014. Applicable mortality rates are also applied.³³ In addition, we estimate newly naturalized citizens using data from the Department of Homeland Security, which show the two-year average of new naturalized citizens by state.³⁴ We discount from these numbers the percentage of children below 18 in households with a naturalized householder by state. Estimates of total foreign-born voters include naturalized citizens aged 18 or older in 2014, discounted by average U.S. mortality rates by age brackets, summed to the pool of newly eligible foreign-born voters.

Margin of victory in 2012 refers to President Barack Obama's margin of victory over Republican candidate Mitt Romney in terms of popular vote. The margins are negative in states that Romney won in 2012.³⁵

Undocumented

Using data from the 2014 ACS, we applied the methodological approach outlined by Harvard University economist George Borjas³⁶ to arrive at an estimate of the undocumented immigrant population in the overall United States and individual states. The foreign-born population is adjusted for misreporting in two ways. Foreign-born individuals who reported naturalization are reclassified as non-naturalized if the individual had resided in the United States for less than six years (as of 2014) or, if married to a U.S. citizen, for less than three years. We use the following criteria to code foreign-born individuals as legal U.S. residents:

- Arrived in the U.S. before 1980
- Citizens and children less than 18 year old reporting that at least one parent is native-born
- Recipients of Social Security benefits, SSI, Medicaid, Medicare, Military insurance, or public assistance

- Households with at least one citizen that received SNAP
- People in the armed forces and veterans
- People attending college and graduate school
- Refugees
- Working in occupations requiring a license
- Government employees, and people working in the public administration sector
- Any of the above conditions applies to the householder's spouse

The remainder of the foreign-born population that do not meet this criteria is reclassified as undocumented. Estimates regarding the economic contribution of undocumented immigrants and the role they play in various industries, and tax contributions are made using the same methods used to capture this information for the broader immigrant population in the broader brief. When estimating the aggregate household income, spending power, and tax contributions, we are not able to make reliable estimates for undocumented-led households in Alaska, Maine, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, and West South Carolina due to the small sample size of undocumented-led households in ACS. Finally, the variables giving a sense of the undocumented population's level of assimilation—including their English proficiency and time in the United States—are estimated by examining the traits of the undocumented population in the 1-year sample of the ACS.

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Community Based Services

Ms. Christina Hyppolite, Program Coordinator

LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE RESPONSE

QUESTION #2

As we work with nonprofits, we strive to build their internal capacity to help them better serve the minority communities. I've completed my first year in this role. During that time, I have been researching ways to revamp the initiative to improve outcomes of the services we provide in community based programs.

- Since 2017 I've provided technical assistance and 501(c)3 Application review to at a minimum of 25 nonprofits. Additionally, I have developed a partnership to provide technical assistance with South Carolina Sisters of Charity to assist rejected grant applicants with application review for resubmission for the next Caritas grant cycle.
- Developed partnerships with approximately 16 agencies and community partners to develop a statewide strategic plan to address poverty and socioeconomic deprivation.
- Community Participatory Research- worked within 8 regions with community leaders to plan community forums to get feedback and data from community members in regards to Statewide Poverty Plan.

African American Affairs

Mr. George Dennis, Program Coordinator

LEGISLAIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE RESPONSES

QUESTION # 2

- Conducted an Education Summit to disseminate and exchange information about Act 155 (House Bill 3919) and questions the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE), Office of Special Education Services (OSSES), has received regarding how this legislation affects students with individualized education programs (IEPs). The primary audience was African American School Superintendents. A Representative from the SC Education Oversight Committee explained, in detail, the new laws that were to be implemented by all school districts in South Carolina. (Please see attached Agenda)
- Facilitated efforts to assist African American residents of the Plantersville Community (*Georgetown County*) with the payment of fees owed the Georgetown Water District thereby allowing them to maintain ownership of their land. Met with the finance & administrative Services Director for Georgetown County Water & Sewer District.
- Worked with the Richland County Sheriff's SRO (School Resource Officer) Community Work Group to review and implement policies that include cultural and disability sensitivities, especially SRO interaction with African American youths. This has led to the reduction of incarceration of students from a total of over 225 cases in the 2015/2016 down to 135 arrests in 2016/2017. Please note these statistics are maintained by the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

House Bill H3051 – Directs the Criminal Justice Academy develop and implement a Cultural Competency model training program curriculum for School Resource Officers submitted by the late Representative Joe Neal.

Please note: For the month of January 2018, I have not had any calls for assistance in the African American Community except invitations to MLK Celebrations in Florence and Spartanburg.



Education Summit

SC Commission for Minority Affairs

June 27, 2014

AGENDA

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| I. Introductions | George Dennis, Coordinator for African American Affairs, SC Commission for Minority Affairs |
| II. Welcome/ Purpose | Thomas Smith, Executive Director, SC Commission for Minority Affairs |
| III. Federal Programs | Mr. Basil Harris, Office of Federal and State Accountability, SC Department of Education |
| IV. Discussion | |
| V. Education Legislation | Dr. Rainey Knight, SC Education Oversight Committee |
| VI. Lunch | |
| VII. Closing Remarks | Mr. Thomas Smith |