

REMEMBER THE DREAMERS

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Who is DACA?

1.3M

are DACA-eligible¹

650K

currently hold DACA status²

26 years

average age of DACA recipient²

What is DACA?³

ELIGIBILITY QUALIFICATIONS

- Under age 31 as of 6/15/12
- Entered U.S. prior to age 16
- At least 15 years old at time of request
- Resided continuously in U.S. since 6/15/07
- No felony or significant misdemeanor
- Currently enrolled in or graduated from high school, earned a GED®, or honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces

DACA RECIPIENTS RECEIVE

- Renewable two-year period of deferred action from deportation
- Eligibility for a work permit
- A Social Security card
- A driver's license

Dreamers are Rhodes Scholars, scientists, and campus leaders; they are sources of inspiration and insight for their peers; and they are unparalleled ambassadors for our schools abroad.⁴



DACA & Higher Education

40%

of DACA recipients are currently enrolled in school or college⁵

EDUCATIONAL LEVELS BEING PURSUED BY DACA RECIPIENTS⁵

5%

high school, GED, or vocational

13%

associate degree

83%

bachelor's degree or higher

EACH YEAR⁶

98K

unauthorized immigrants graduate from high school

5-10%

enroll in college

216K

DACA-eligible students are currently pursuing higher education⁷

Economic Impact

AFTER RECEIVING DACA STATUS⁸

89%

are currently employed

6%

started their own business

86%

report a wage increase

14%

purchased their first home

58%

transitioned to a better-paying job

60%

purchased their first vehicle

TOP 10 STATES BY GDP LOSS FROM DACA TERMINATION⁹

California: \$12.2B

Texas: \$5.0B

New York: \$1.9B

Illinois: \$1.8B

Arizona: \$1.1B

Georgia: \$1.1B

Florida: \$1.1B

New Jersey: \$1.1B

Washington: \$1.1B

North Carolina: \$1.0B

DEPORTING THOSE WITH DACA STATUS WOULD, IN 10 YEARS, RESULT IN¹⁰

\$90B in lost tax revenue

\$460B reduction in economic growth

Support for DACA

THE MAJORITY OF AMERICANS SUPPORT DREAMERS

80%

of Americans, across all partisan affiliations, overwhelmingly support Congress protecting Dreamers¹¹

3 out of 4

Americans favor granting permanent legal status to Dreamers¹²

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY LEADERS SUPPORT A LEGISLATIVE FIX FOR DACA

Over 800

business and industry leaders sent a letter to congressional leadership on 9/20/17, asking Congress to provide a permanent legislative solution¹³

In an instant, the rescission of DACA would send a message of exclusion that would irreparably harm our institutions' ability to recruit and retain foreign-born students. It would tear at the fabric of our campus communities. Most importantly, it would pull the rug out from under the Dreamers themselves, who have upended their lives—taking out loans, earning degrees, and taking the risk of revealing their undocumented status—in reliance on DACA.⁴

Notes

- <https://www.fwd.us/news/daca-facts/>
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- <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/immigration/news/2019/09/12/474422/know-daca-recipients-state/>
- https://www.supremecourt.gov/Docket-PDF/18/18-587/118043/20191003195845599_DACA%20Amicus%20Sup%20Ct%20Oct%202019.pdf
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- <https://www.businessleadersdreamletter.com/>