

Results from Tom K. Wong¹ et al., 2018 National DACA Study

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n = 1,050

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Methodology

The questionnaire was administered to an online panel of DACA recipients recruited by the partner organizations. Several steps were taken to account for the known sources of bias that result from such online panels. To prevent ballot stuffing—one person submitting multiple responses—the authors did not offer an incentive to respondents for taking the questionnaire and used a state-of-the-art online survey platform that does not allow one IP address to submit multiple responses. To prevent spoiled ballots—meaning people responding who are not undocumented—the authors used two unique validation tests for undocumented status. Multiple questions were asked about each respondent's migratory history and DACA history. These questions were asked at different parts of the questionnaire. When repeated, the questions were posed using different wording. If there was agreement in the answers such that there was consistency regarding the respondent's migratory history *and* DACA history, the respondent was kept in the resulting pool of respondents. If not, the respondent was excluded.

Economic Integration

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

(n = 1,050)

		≥ 25
	Got my first job	57.1% 36.7%
	Got a job with better pay	54.0% 65.5%
	Got a job that better fits my education and training	44.8% 52.7%
	Got a job that better fits my long-term career goals	45.2% 55.3%
	Got a job with health insurance or other benefits	46.6% 59.8%
	Got a job with improved work conditions	45.6% 55.0%
	Started my own business	5.6% 7.8%
I have been able to earn more money, which has helped me become financially independent		76.5% 80.7%
I have been able to earn more money, which has helped my family financially		74.6% 78.0%
I have been able to earn more money, which has helped me pay for childcare		47.6% 44.4%
I have been able to earn more money, which has helped me pay for medical expenses		43.5% 48.8%
I have been able to earn more money, which has helped me pay for tuition		53.3% 45.0%
	Opened a bank account	58.2% 44.5%
	Got my first credit card	61.1% 64.7%
	Opened a retirement account	27.1% 34.8%
	Bought my first car	61.5% 68.7%
	Bought a home	13.7% 20.3%

Note: percentages do not sum to 100 as individuals may select all that apply. n = 600 for respondents 25 years and older

Are you currently employed?

(n = 1,050)

		≥ 25
	Yes	89.3% 92.3%
	No	10.7% 7.7%
	No response	0.0% 0.0%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. n = 600 for respondents 25 years and older

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

		≥ 25	
Average hourly wage	.....	\$18.42	\$20.81
Median hourly wage	.....	\$16.00	\$18.50
Average annual earnings	.....	\$35,485.03	\$42,049.33
Median annual earnings	.....	\$32,000.00	\$38,490.00

Note: $n = 938$ for respondents currently employed. $n = 554$ for respondents 25 years and older and currently employed. Figures exclude the bottom 1st and top 99th percentiles

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

		≥ 25	
Average hours worked per week	.....	37.3	39.6
Median hours worked per week	.....	40.0	40.0

Note: $n = 554$ for respondents 25 years and older and currently employed

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

		≥ 25	
Yes	.....	43.6%	59.6%
No	.....	56.2%	40.1%
No response	.....	0.2%	0.4%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. $N = 938$ for respondents currently employed. $n = 554$ for respondents 25 years and older and currently employed

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

		≥ 25	
Average hourly wage	.....	\$10.32	\$10.56
Median hourly wage	.....	\$10.00	\$10.00
Average annual earnings	.....	\$19,217.16	\$20,147.20
Median annual earnings	.....	\$18,771.44	\$19,972.33

Note: $n = 409$ for respondents currently employed and employed before DACA. $n = 330$ for respondents 25 years and older and currently employed and employed before DACA. Figures exclude the bottom 1st and top 99th percentiles

..... **On average, how many hours did you work per week before DACA?**

	≥ 25	
Average hours worked per week	36.5	37.9
Median hours worked per week	40.0	40.0

Note: $n = 409$ for respondents currently employed and employed before DACA. $n = 330$ for respondents 25 years and older and currently employed and employed before DACA

..... **Does your employer know that you have DACA?**

($n = 938$, which represents the 89.3% of respondents who are currently employed)

Yes	73.7%
No	5.3%
Not sure	20.9%
No response	0.1%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding

Education

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

(n = 1,050)

	≥ 25
Pursued educational opportunities that I previously could not	..... 62.4% 48.8%
I haven't pursued more education yet, but I plan to	..... 36.0% 46.5%
I don't plan to pursue more education	..... 4.6% 7.3%
Paid off some/all of my student loans	..... 15.3% 15.0%

Note: percentages do not sum to 100 as individuals may select all that apply. n = 600 for respondents 25 years and older

Are you currently in school?

(n = 1,050)

	≥ 25
Yes	..... 40.0% 23.2%
No	..... 59.9% 76.7%
No response	..... 0.1% 0.2%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. n = 600 for respondents 25 years and older

..... **What degree are you currently pursuing?**

(n = 420, which represents the 40.0% of respondents who are currently employed)

	≥ 25
GED or equivalent	..... 0.9% 2.2%
High-school diploma	..... 3.3% 0.0%
Trade/technical/vocational degree or certificate	..... 3.1% 5.0%
Associate's degree	..... 18.1% 18.0%
Bachelor's degree	..... 53.1% 35.9%
Master's degree	..... 15.0% 27.3%
Professional degree above a master's degree	..... 3.1% 5.0%
Doctorate degree	..... 3.3% 6.5%
No response	..... 0.0% 0.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	..... 74.5% 74.8%

Note: percentages do not sum to 100 as individuals may select all that apply. n = 139 for respondents 25 years and older and currently in school

What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed? If you are currently enrolled in school, what is the highest degree you have received thus far?

(n = 1,050)

		≥ 25
	GED or equivalent	1.8% 2.7%
	High-school diploma	25.6% 19.0%
	Trade/technical/vocational degree or certificate	6.9% 7.0%
	Associate's degree	14.9% 15.0%
	Some college	18.7% 16.3%
	Bachelor's degree	24.6% 28.7%
	Master's degree	6.0% 9.7%
	Professional degree above a master's degree	0.6% 0.8%
	Doctorate degree	0.4% 0.7%
	No response	0.5% 0.2%
	Bachelor's degree or higher	31.5% 39.8%

Note: percentages do not sum to 100 as individuals may select all that apply. n = 600 for respondents 25 years and older

Inclusion and Belonging

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

(n = 1,050)

	≥ 25
Have become more politically active	..... 48.5% 44.8%
Have become more involved in my community	..... 52.3% 47.2%
Am no longer afraid because of my immigration status	..... 64.0% 62.8%
Feel more like I belong in the U.S.	..... 63.6% 64.8%

Note: percentages do not sum to 100 as individuals may select all that apply. n = 600 for respondents 25 years and older

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

(n = 1,050)

	≥ 25
Got my driver's license for the first time	..... 78.0% 78.8%
Got a state identification card for the first time	..... 61.6% 59.7%
Became an organ donor	..... 45.7% 46.5%
Donated blood for the first time	..... 18.7% 15.2%

Note: percentages do not sum to 100 as individuals may select all that apply. n = 600 for respondents 25 years and older

Do you have an immediate family member, meaning a parent, sibling, spouse, or child, who is a U.S. citizen?

(n = 1,050)

Yes	.....	72.1%
No	.....	27.6%
No response	.....	0.3%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding

Concerns about Immigration Enforcement

How often do you think about the following?

(n = 1,050)

“Being detained in an immigration detention facility”		≥ 25	w/children
A few times an hour	.....	3.8%	3.8% 5.2%
About once an hour	.....	2.1%	1.8% 1.3%
A few times a day	.....	16.9%	16.3% 21.0%
About once a day	.....	21.5%	19.7% 20.6%
Less than once a day	.....	37.1%	38.0% 37.3%
Never	.....	18.2%	20.0% 14.6%
No response	.....	0.3%	0.3% 0.0%
About once a day or more		44.7%	42.0% 48.1%

Note: percentages do not sum to 100 as individuals may select all that apply. n = 600 for respondents 25 years and older. n = 233 for respondents with children

“Being deported from the U.S.”		≥ 25	w/children
A few times an hour	.....	4.9%	4.3% 5.2%
About once an hour	.....	2.2%	1.7% 2.2%
A few times a day	.....	22.4%	21.0% 25.8%
About once a day	.....	25.1%	23.3% 20.2%
Less than once a day	.....	33.2%	36.0% 34.8%
Never	.....	11.3%	12.7% 11.6%
No response	.....	0.9%	1.0% 0.4%
About once a day or more		55.4%	51.3% 53.7%

Note: percentages do not sum to 100 as individuals may select all that apply. n = 600 for respondents 25 years and older. n = 233 for respondents with children

“A family member being detained in an immigration detention facility”		≥ 25	w/children
A few times an hour	.....	6.8%	5.8% 8.2%
About once an hour	.....	5.2%	4.0% 6.0%
A few times a day	.....	24.1%	21.0% 24.5%
About once a day	.....	26.0%	25.3% 24.0%
Less than once a day	.....	24.5%	26.8% 26.2%
Never	.....	12.6%	15.8% 11.2%
No response	.....	0.9%	1.2% 0.0%
About once a day or more		62.9%	57.3% 62.7%

Note: percentages do not sum to 100 as individuals may select all that apply. n = 600 for respondents 25 years and older. n = 233 for respondents with children

		≥ 25	w/children
“A family member being deported from the U.S.”			
A few times an hour	.....	6.5%	5.5%
About once an hour	.....	5.3%	3.8%
A few times a day	.....	25.7%	22.5%
About once a day	.....	25.2%	25.0%
Less than once a day	.....	25.1%	27.3%
Never	.....	10.9%	14.5%
No response	.....	1.1%	1.3%
About once a day or more	.....	63.9%	58.2%

Note: percentages do not sum to 100 as individuals may select all that apply. $n = 600$ for respondents 25 years and older. $n = 233$ for respondents with children

		≥ 25	w/children
“Congress passing a new law that provides legal status for undocumented youth”			
A few times an hour	.....	11.7%	10.0%
About once an hour	.....	5.3%	4.7%
A few times a day	.....	26.8%	25.3%
About once a day	.....	29.9%	32.2%
Less than once a day	.....	19.3%	20.3%
Never	.....	5.4%	5.7%
No response	.....	1.5%	1.8%
About once a day or more	.....	75.2%	74.0%

Note: percentages do not sum to 100 as individuals may select all that apply. $n = 600$ for respondents 25 years and older. $n = 233$ for respondents with children

..... How often do you think about the following?

($n = 233$, which represents the 22.2% of all respondents who have children)

“Being separated from my children because of deportation”

A few times an hour	.....	20.2%
About once an hour	.....	3.9%
A few times a day	.....	27.0%
About once a day	.....	24.9%
Less than once a day	.....	18.0%
Never	.....	5.6%
No response	.....	0.4%

..... About once a day or more 75.9%

Note: percentages do not sum to 100 as individuals may select all that apply. $n = 233$ for respondents with children

..... **How often do you think about the following?**

(*n* = 233, which represents the 22.2% of all respondents who have children)

“Not being able to see my children grow up because of deportation”

A few times an hour	.....	20.2%
About once an hour	.....	4.3%
A few times a day	.....	25.3%
About once a day	.....	23.6%
Less than once a day	.....	17.6%
Never	.....	8.6%
No response	.....	0.4%
About once a day or more	.....	73.4%

Note: percentages do not sum to 100 as individuals may select all that apply. *n* = 233 for respondents with children

In what state do you live?

(n = 1,050)

	% Poll	% DACA
California	30.9%	28.6%
Texas	14.3%	16.5%
Illinois	5.6%	5.3%
New York	5.3%	4.6%
Florida	4.9%	3.9%
Arizona	3.6%	3.7%
New Mexico	3.1%	0.9%
Washington	2.7%	2.4%
New Jersey	2.2%	2.6%
Georgia	2.0%	3.2%
North Carolina	1.8%	3.6%
Colorado	1.6%	2.3%
Massachusetts	1.6%	0.9%
Maryland	1.5%	1.2%
Utah	1.5%	1.3%
Virginia	1.5%	1.5%
Nevada	1.3%	1.8%
Tennessee	1.1%	1.2%
Oregon	1.0%	1.5%
Other	12.2%	13.1%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding

Data on active DACA population by state as of July 31, 2018 available from USCIS here:
https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/Reports%20and%20Studies/Immigration%20Forms%20Data/All%20Form%20Types/DACA/DACA_Population_Data_July_31_2018.pdf

How old are you?

(n = 1,050)

Average	.....	25.7
Median	.....	25
16	.....	0.3%
17	.....	1.1%
18	.....	3.1%
19	.....	5.1%
20	.....	4.5%
21	.....	6.2%
22	.....	7.2%
23	.....	7.2%
24	.....	8.2%
25	.....	7.4%
26	.....	6.7%
27	.....	5.8%
28	.....	8.8%
29	.....	7.1%
30	.....	5.2%
31	.....	3.6%
32	.....	5.1%
33	.....	2.7%
34	.....	1.9%
35	.....	1.5%
36	.....	1.1%
37	.....	0.4%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding

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

(n = 1,050)

Average	.....	6.1
Median	.....	5
0	.....	5.1%
1	.....	10.3%
2	.....	8.0%
3	.....	8.6%
4	.....	8.8%
5	.....	10.7%
6	.....	7.1%
7	.....	7.5%
8	.....	5.3%
9	.....	6.0%
10	.....	5.1%
11	.....	4.3%
12	.....	4.5%
13	.....	2.9%
14	.....	2.8%
15	.....	3.1%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding
