

Undocumented Immigration

MYTHS

True

False

DACA recipients are a drain on state and federal resources.

DACA recipients have social security numbers and will have paid \$19.9 billion in taxes and \$4.6 billion toward Medicare after just one decade of the program's existence. However, their current legal status will keep them from ever receiving these benefits. DACA recipients and other undocumented immigrants are not eligible for federal financial aid, Medicaid, Obamacare, Section 8 housing, welfare, or food stamps.

Source: https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/a-guide-to-read-about-daca-before-you-sound-racist_us_59af6b10e4b0d0c16bb528ab

True

False

Undocumented immigrants steal jobs from American citizens.

False: According to the Cato Institute economists, deporting eight million undocumented workers would not automatically create eight million jobs for citizens. Some studies find that deporting undocumented workers could hurt the economy.

<https://www.cato.org/publications/commentary/immigrants-did-not-take-job>

True

False

Undocumented immigrants increase the crime rate.

Mostly False: This fact is difficult to verify because researchers auger that the incarceration rate is not the best way to measure the crime rate. The research shows that undocumented immigrants are significantly less likely to be incarcerated than native-born citizens. According to the U.S. census, only 1.6% of all immigrant males between 18-39 years old were incarcerated compared to 3.3% of the native population.

<https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/research/criminalization-immigration-united-states>