

# Results from Tom K. Wong<sup>1</sup> 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)

		<b>≥ 25</b>
	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)

		<b>≥ 25</b>
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 1<sup>st</sup> and top 99<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and top 99<sup>th</sup> percentiles

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

			<b>≥ 25</b>
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)

		<b>≥ 25</b>
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)

		<b>≥ 25</b>
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)

		<b>≥ 25</b>
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)

		<b>≥ 25</b>
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)

		<b>≥ 25</b>
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)

		<b>≥ 25</b>
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)

<b>“Being detained in an immigration detention facility”</b>			<b>≥ 25</b>	<b>w/children</b>
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

<b>“Being deported from the U.S.”</b>			<b>≥ 25</b>	<b>w/children</b>
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

<b>“A family member being detained in an immigration detention facility”</b>			<b>≥ 25</b>	<b>w/children</b>
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

<b>“A family member being deported from the U.S.”</b>			<b>≥ 25</b>	<b>w/children</b>	
A few times an hour	.....	6.5%	5.5%	7.3%	
About once an hour	.....	5.3%	3.8%	6.0%	
A few times a day	.....	25.7%	22.5%	26.2%	
About once a day	.....	25.2%	25.0%	21.0%	
Less than once a day	.....	25.1%	27.3%	27.0%	
Never	.....	10.9%	14.5%	12.0%	
No response	.....	1.1%	1.3%	0.4%	
About once a day or more		.....	63.9%	58.2%	60.9%

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

<b>“Congress passing a new law that provides legal status for undocumented youth”</b>			<b>≥ 25</b>	<b>w/children</b>	
A few times an hour	.....	11.7%	10.0%	14.6%	
About once an hour	.....	5.3%	4.7%	6.9%	
A few times a day	.....	26.8%	25.3%	29.2%	
About once a day	.....	29.9%	32.2%	27.9%	
Less than once a day	.....	19.3%	20.3%	14.2%	
Never	.....	5.4%	5.7%	6.0%	
No response	.....	1.5%	1.8%	1.3%	
About once a day or more		.....	75.2%	74.0%	79.8%

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](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%

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