

DACA BY THE NUMBERS

Ending DACA will cost U.S. economy \$460.3 billion over next decade

Since 2012, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) has helped nearly 800,000 young people who came to the United States as children work legally, get driver's licenses, pursue a college education, and lead their lives without the constant threat of deportation. To build on these gains, Congress should pass the Dream Act now so that all Dreamers have the opportunity to fully contribute in the American economy and to their local communities.

5% of DACA recipients are **entrepreneurs and small business owners**, many launching their own business after entering the DACA program.

71% of recipients could **better support their families financially** due to higher earnings.

54% of recipients got jobs that better fit their long-term career goals after they were approved to receive DACA.

57% of recipients got **jobs with health insurance** or other benefits after being approved for DACA.

65% of recipients **purchased a new car** because they became eligible to apply for driver's licenses, spending on average \$16,500 in their local economies.

66% of recipients obtained their **first credit card** after being approved for the program, allowing them to build their spending power and support local businesses.

16% of recipients **purchased homes** for the first time in their communities after being approved.

\$460.3 billion of **economic harm** is done to the U.S. economy over the next decade if DACA recipients are no longer in the American workforce.

\$6.3 billion in **unnecessary business costs** will be paid by American employers by ending DACA due to having to replace 720,000 workers.

3.3 million people could be **eligible for the Dream Act** in the United States.

\$281 billion in **additional economic activity** will be added over the next ten years if the Dream Act passes.