

Fast Facts: Immigrants and Health Coverage

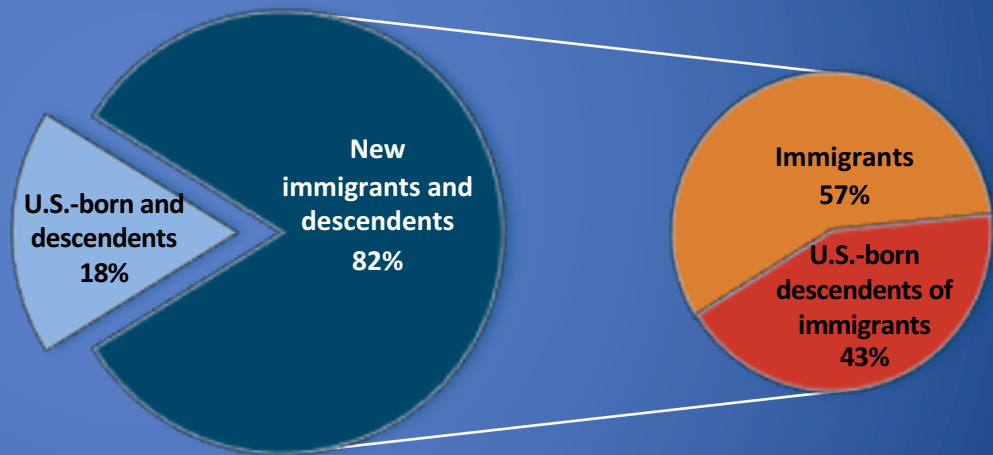
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Proportion of Projected New Population Growth Composed of New Immigrants and their U.S.-Born Descendents, 2005-2050

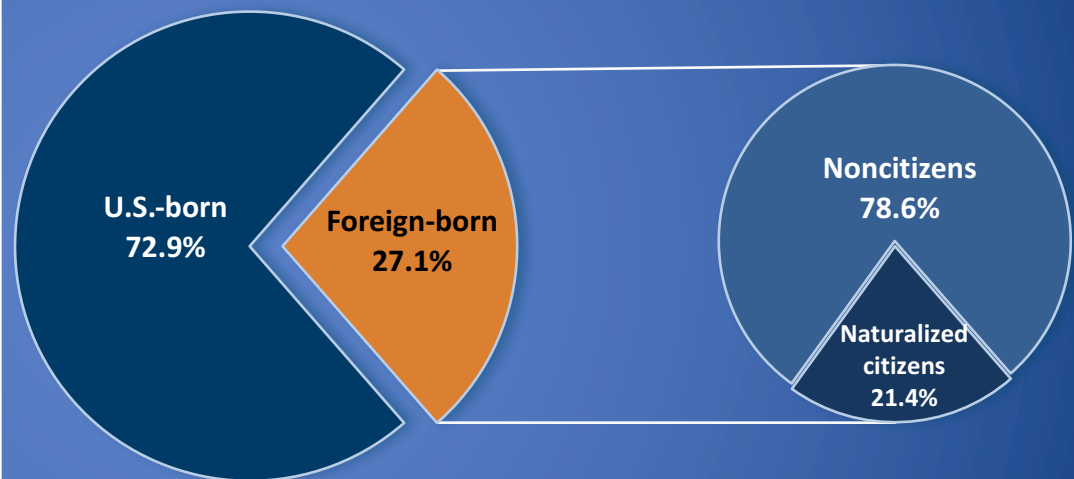
Experts project that immigrants and their U.S.-born descendents will make up **82%** of the new population added between 2005 and 2050.



Source: Jeffrey S. Passel and D'Vera Cohn, *U.S. Populations Projections, 2005—2050* (Washington, DC: Pew Hispanic Center, 2008).

In 2007, immigrants made up **more than one in four** (27.1%) of the nation's uninsured.

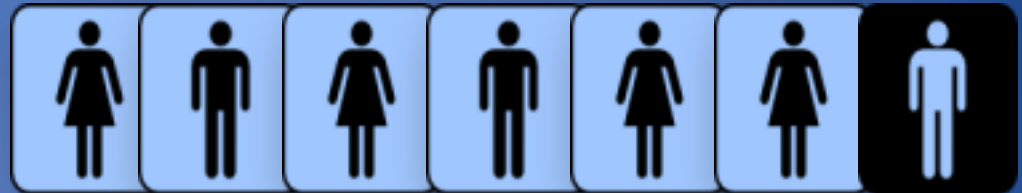
U.S. Uninsured Population by Nativity and Citizenship, 2007



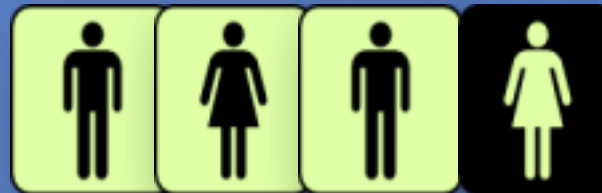
Source: NCLR calculation using data for the U.S. Bureau of the Census, "2008 Annual Social and Economic Supplement," *Current Population Survey*. Conducted by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Washington, DC, 2008, http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/cpstc/cps_table_creator.html.

People without Health Coverage by Nativity and Immigration Status, 2008

One in seven U.S.-born citizens (14%)



One in four legal immigrants (24%)



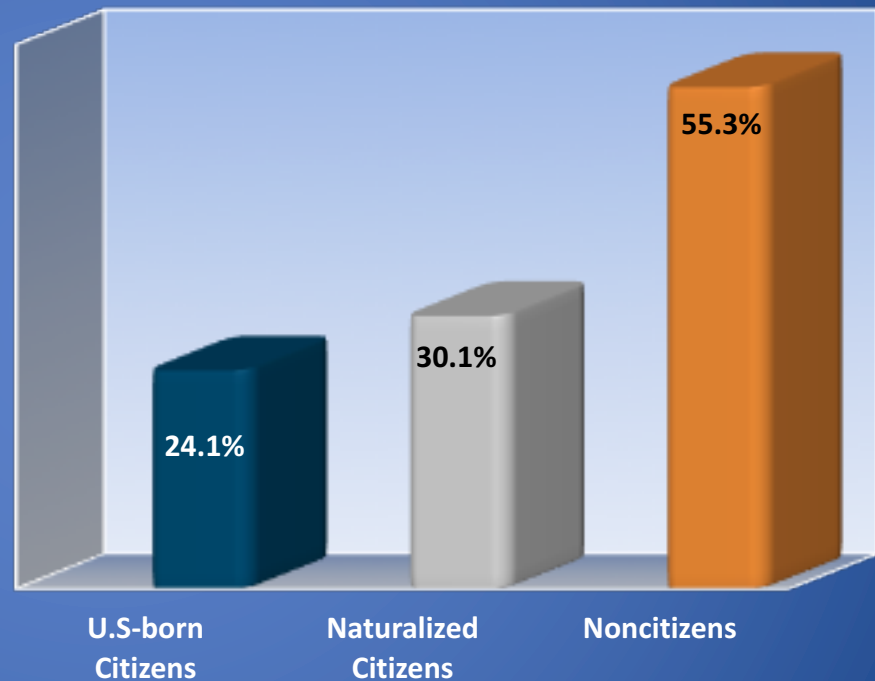
Three in five undocumented immigrants (59%)



Immigrants are more
vulnerable than citizens to
uninsurance.

Even though noncitizens are **just as likely** as citizens to be working, they are more likely to be uninsured.

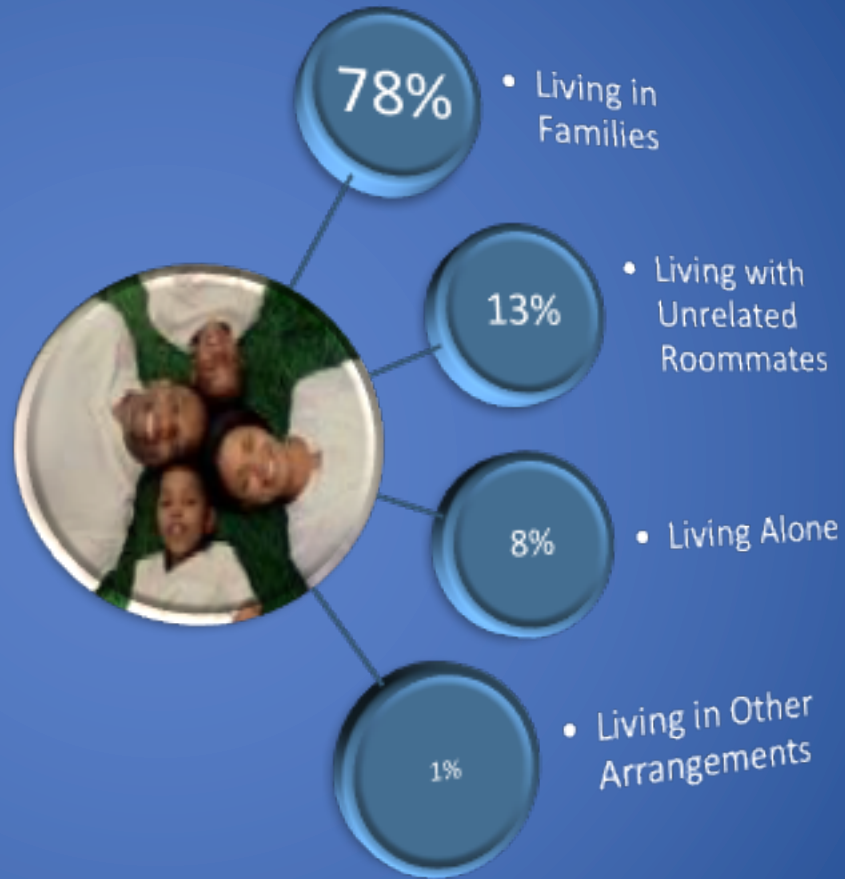
Working Uninsured Nonelderly Adults by Nativity and Citizenship, 2007



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More than three-quarters of uninsured noncitizens live in **families**.

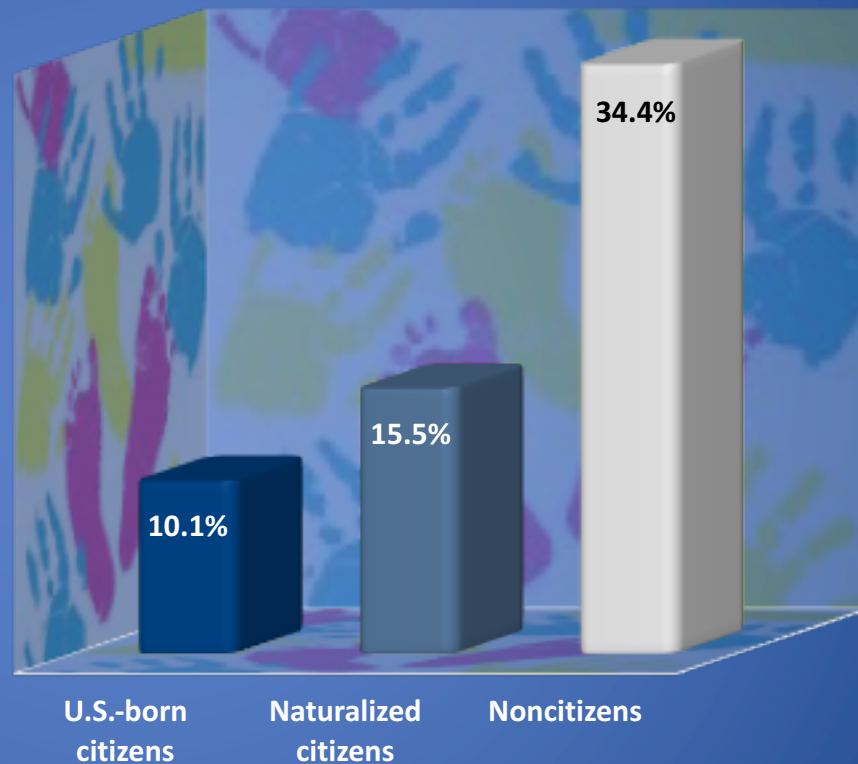
Uninsured Noncitizens by Family Type, 2007



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Noncitizen children are about **three times as likely** (34.4%) as U.S.-born citizen children (10.1%) to be uninsured.

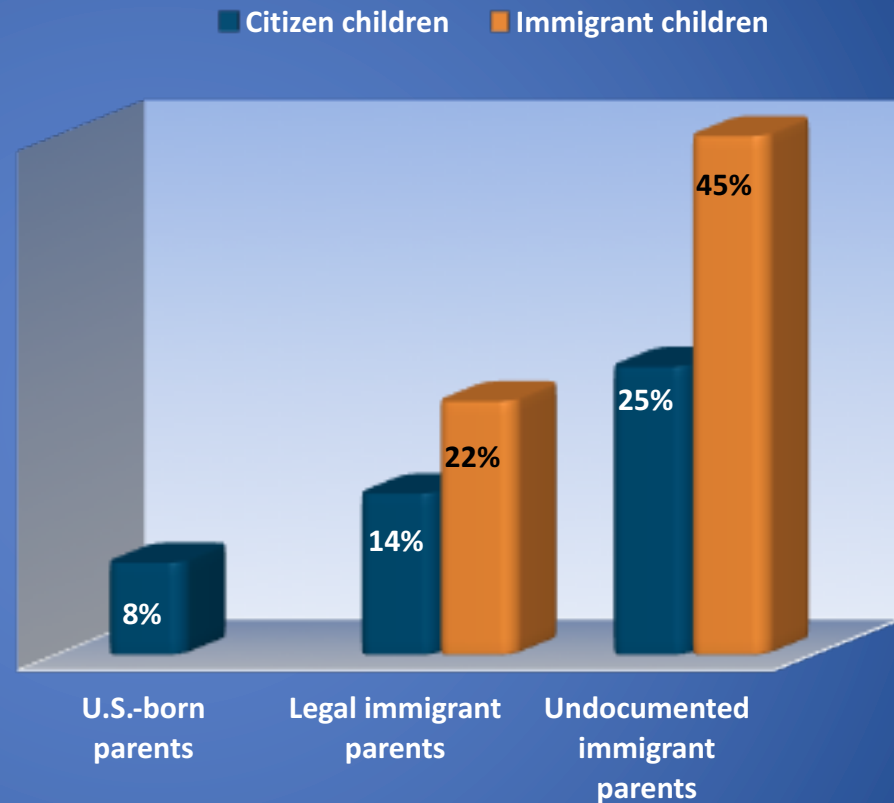
Percentage of Children Uninsured by Nativity and Citizenship, 2007



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Citizen children in **mixed-status families**—where at least one parent is an immigrant—are vulnerable to uninsurance.

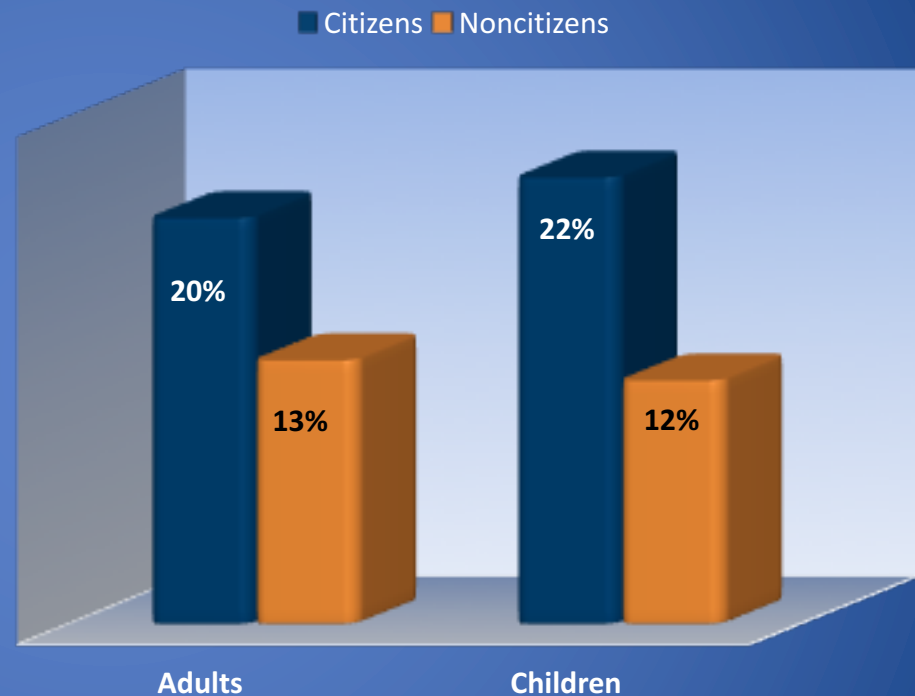
Uninsured Children by Nativity and Parents' Immigration Status, 2008



Source: Jeffrey S. Passel and D'Vera Cohn, *A Portrait of Unauthorized Immigrants in the United States* (Washington, DC: Pew Hispanic Center, 2009), <http://pewhispanic.org/files/reports/107.pdf> (accessed June 2009).

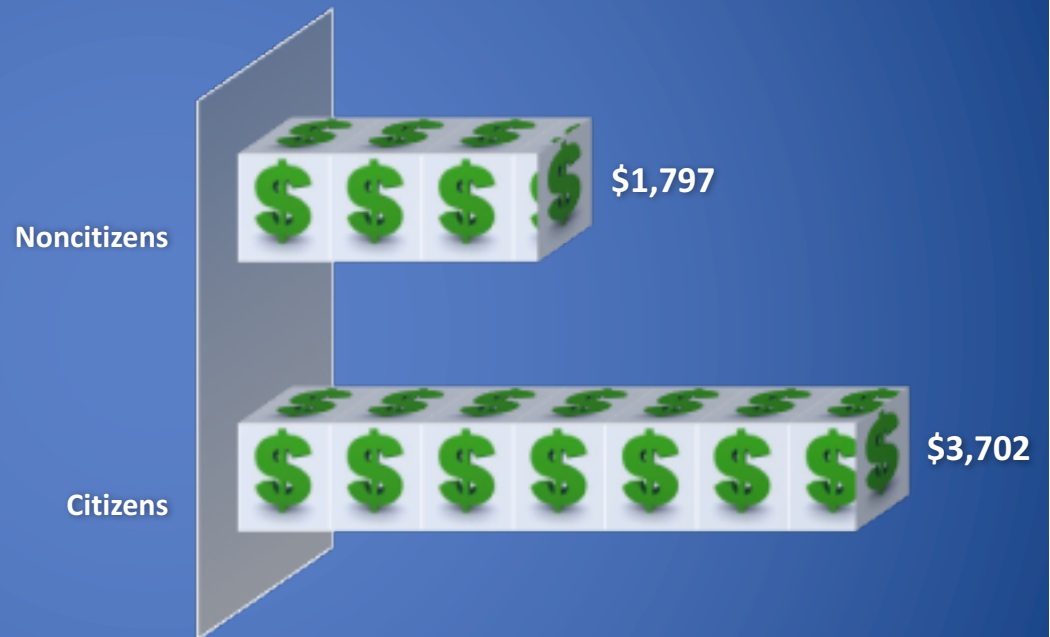
Although noncitizens are likely to lack health coverage, they are actually **less likely** than citizens to visit emergency rooms.

People Reporting Emergency Room Visits in Previous Year by Citizenship and Age, 2006



Source: Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, *Five Basic Facts on Immigrants and Their Health Care* (Washington, DC: Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, 2008).

Average Per Capita Medical Expenditures by Citizenship, 2005



Per capita, noncitizens' health care costs are almost **50% less** than citizens'.

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Mean Annual Medical Expenditures of Insured Nonelderly Adults by Nativity and Citizenship, 2003*

	People with Private Coverage	People with Public Coverage	All Insured
U.S.-born Citizens	\$3,211	\$8,009	\$3,499
Established Immigrants	\$2,154	\$4,927	\$2,511
Recently Arrived Immigrants	\$1,405	\$1,269	\$1,401

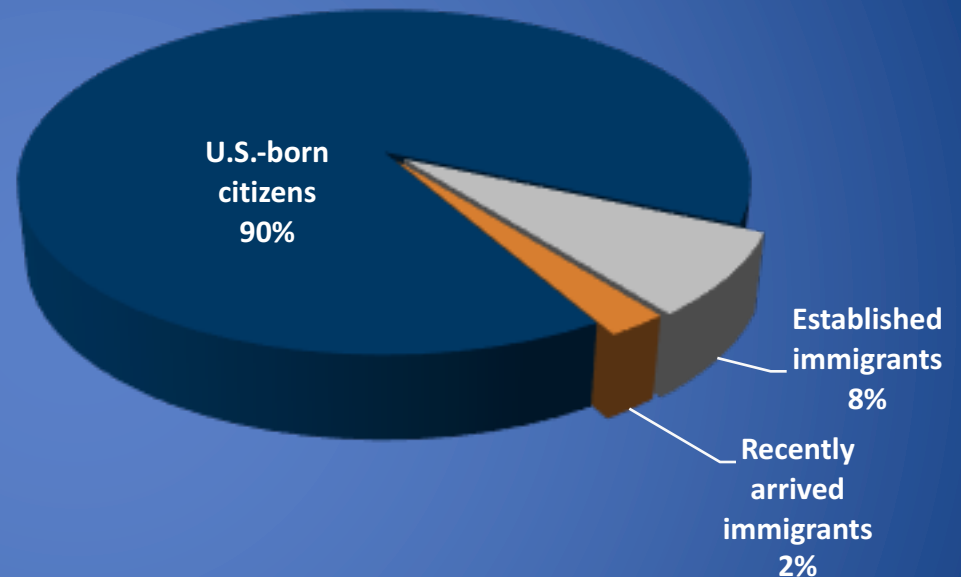
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Insured immigrants' health care costs are also **lower** than insured citizens'.

Recent immigrants make up 5% of the nonelderly adult population, but only 2% of adults' total health care costs—making their share **disproportionately low**.

U.S. Medical Expenditures for Nonelderly Adults by Nativity and Citizenship, 2003*



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