

Health Coverage and Care for Undocumented Immigrants in California

An Update

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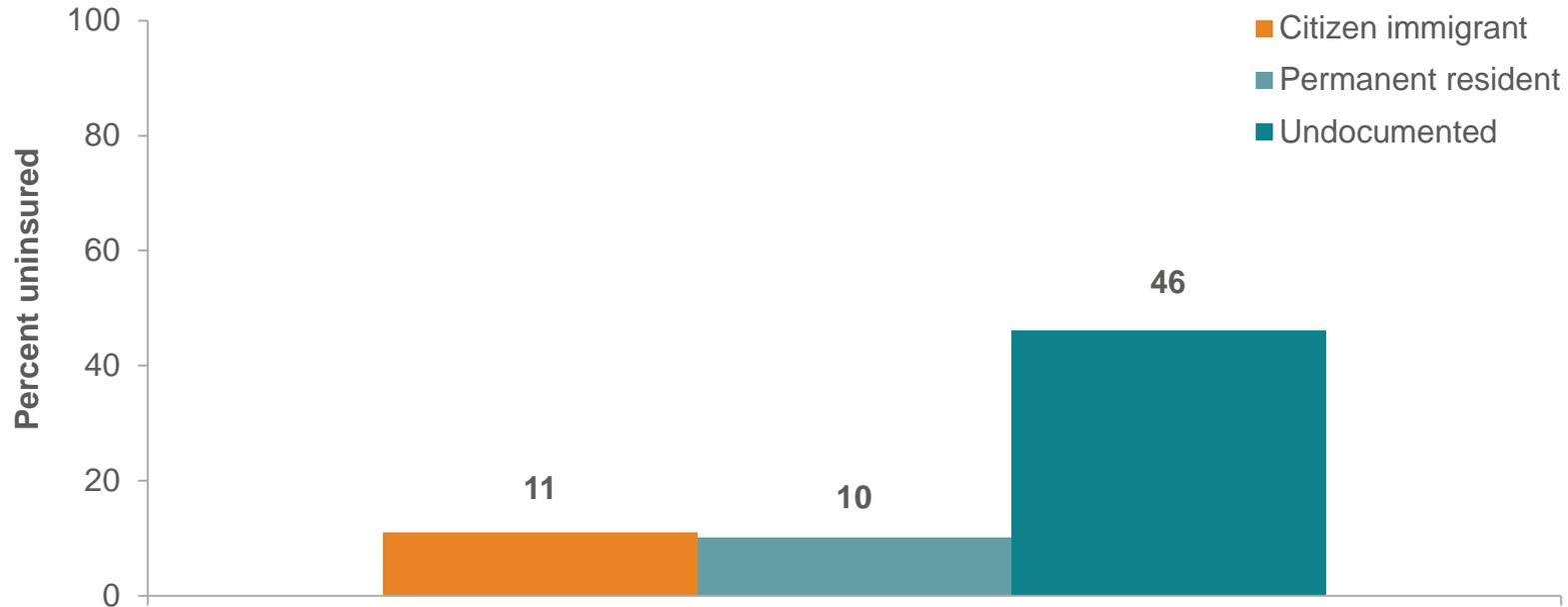
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What does coverage and access to care look like for undocumented immigrants?

- Limited health insurance options
- Health care at safety net providers
- Potentially unmet health needs
- Differences within California

Uninsured rates are high for low-income undocumented immigrants



Undocumented immigrants face barriers to health insurance coverage

- Ineligibility
- Cost
- Immigration-related concerns

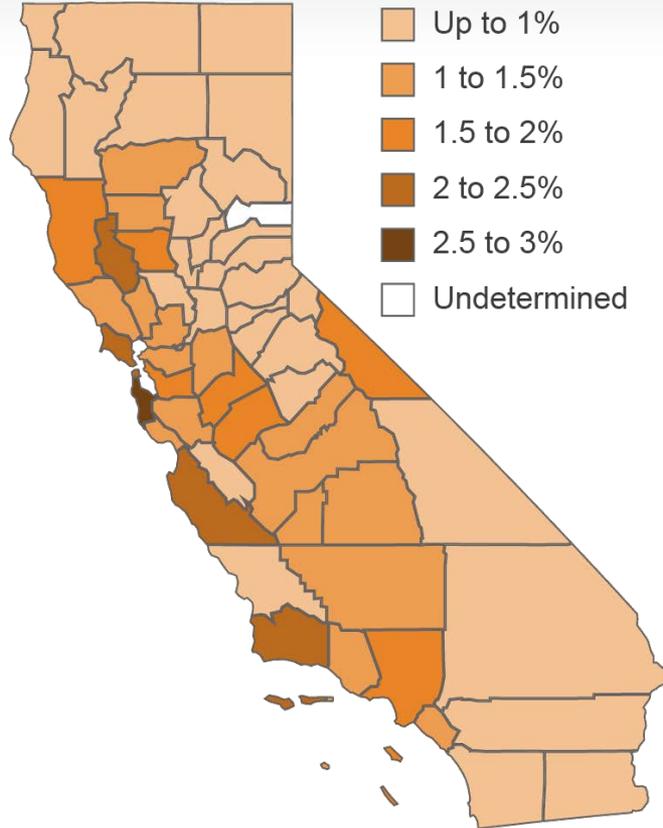
Children in mixed-status families may face negative consequences.

The health care safety net for undocumented immigrants is uneven

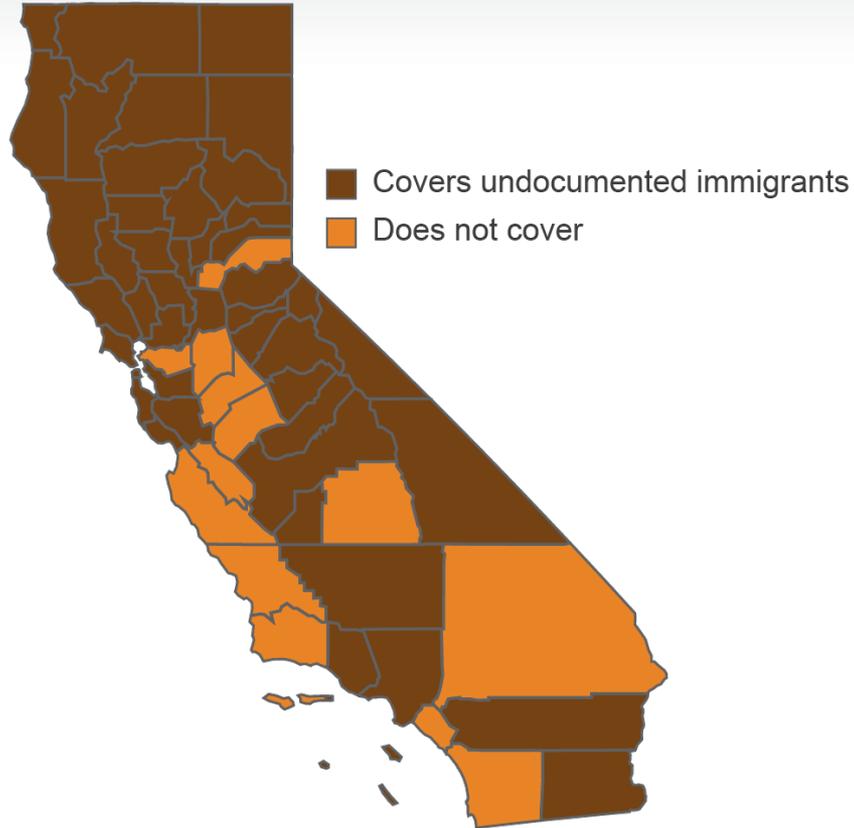
- Age: Access differs by age group
- Geography: county policies matter
- Needs: Some health care needs are covered for all

The eligibility and access landscape is a complex patchwork to navigate.

More children enroll in SB 75 Medi-Cal in certain counties



Many county programs for medically indigent patients cover undocumented immigrants



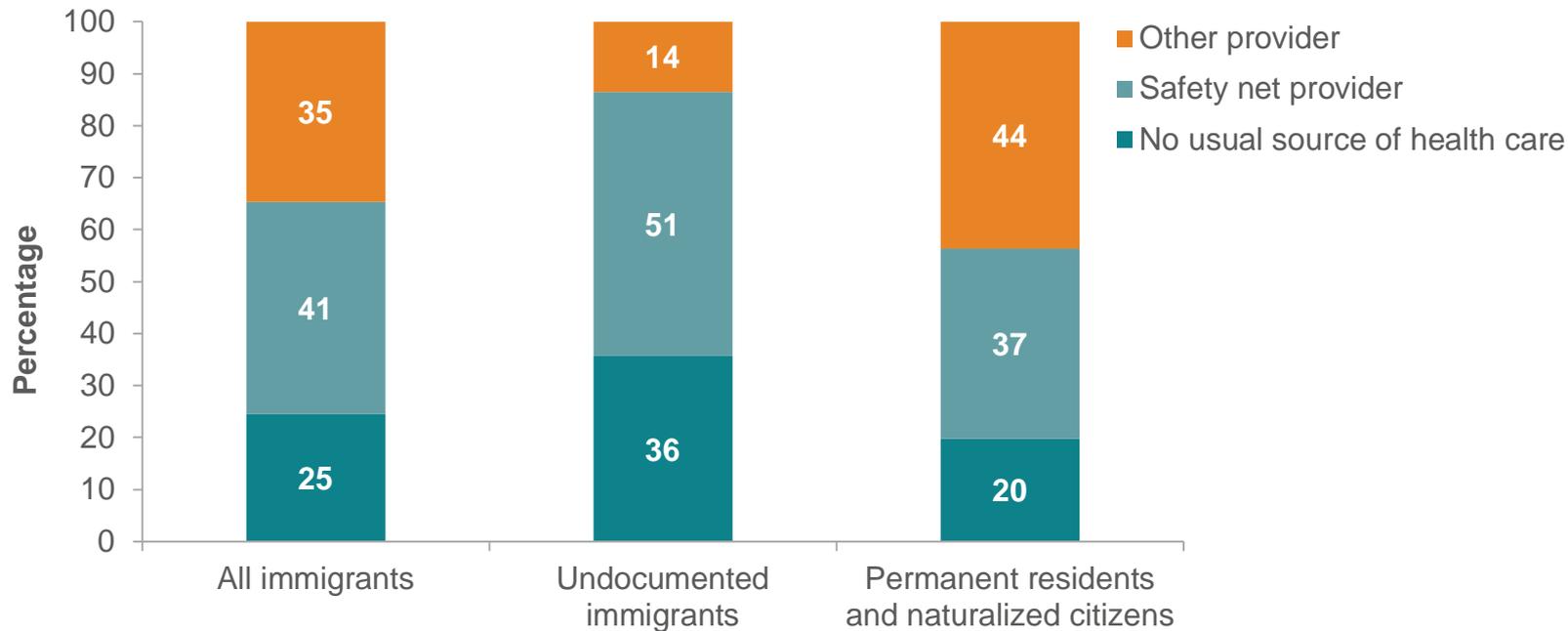
Medi-Cal can cover undocumented patients with specific medical needs

- Medical emergencies
- Compassionate dialysis
- Prenatal and postpartum care

Undocumented immigrants use less health care

- Studies find low health care use among undocumented immigrants
- Undocumented immigrants are more likely to miss care due to cost
- About 70% of visits to My Health LA are for primary care
- Known diagnoses reflect lack of access to care

Undocumented immigrants are less likely to have a usual source of care



Children in mixed-status families are also less likely to have a usual source of care

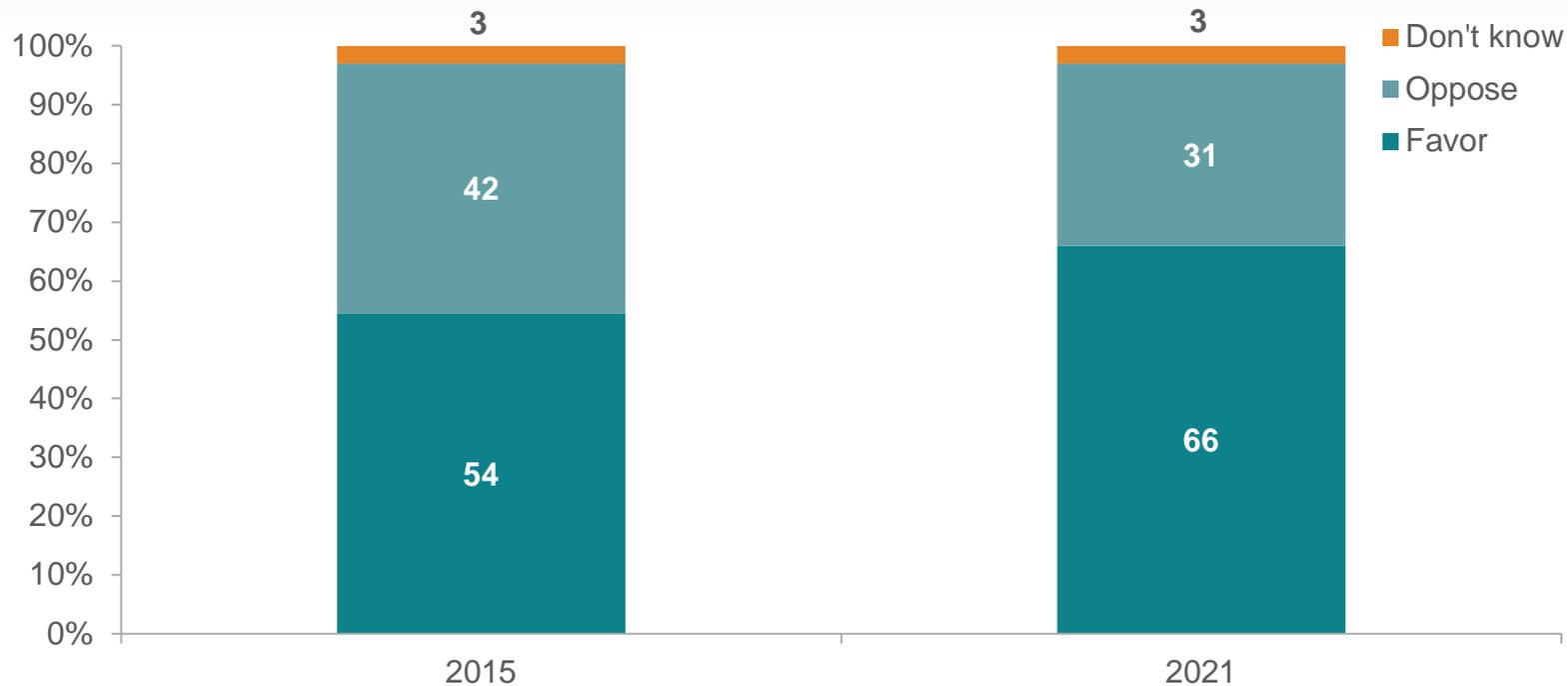
- 85% of children in low-income immigrant families have a usual source of care
- Children in mixed-status families are 11% less likely to have a usual source

Health care access for children in mixed-status families could be affected by family members' undocumented status.

Policymakers are strategizing to make health care accessible to all

- Medi-Cal expansions regardless of immigration status
- Bill to expand private coverage to undocumented parents
- Healthy California for All Commission

CA adults favor providing health care coverage for undocumented immigrants



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