



Driver's Licenses for Undocumented Immigrants

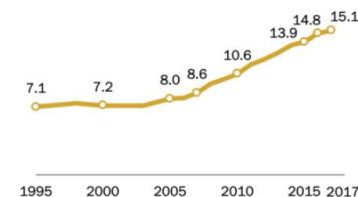


Transportation is an Issue for Undocumented Immigrants

- An undocumented immigrant, according to the Department of Homeland Security, is a person who was not born in the United States that is a non-citizen, and who is not a legal resident.
- Undocumented immigrants have often lived in US states over an average of 15 years and provide labor for many US businesses such as agriculture, manufacturing, and construction.

The typical unauthorized immigrant adult has lived in the U.S. for 15 years

Median years of U.S. residence for adult unauthorized immigrants



Source: Pew Research Center estimates based on augmented U.S. Census Bureau data.

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- Inadequate transportation outside of big cities often makes it hard for undocumented immigrants to travel to work, school, medical appointments, or other events.

car for transport, but often do not have proper identification to drive.

Current Policy

- Presently, only 13 states and the District of Columbia have passed legislation to give undocumented immigrants the right to obtain a driver's license.
- New York became the 13th state to pass this law (Green Light NY, S.1747B) in June 2019.



Next Steps

- It is the authority of each individual state to give persons the right to acquire a driver's license, and all states should extend this policy to undocumented immigrants.
- More federal, state, and city policies need to be put in place to offer drivers licenses to undocumented immigrants.

driver's license for undocumented immigrants include:

- ✓ increasing revenue for states,
- ✓ making streets safer,
- ✓ and allowing undocumented immigrants to feel less anxious about fear of being pulled over.



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