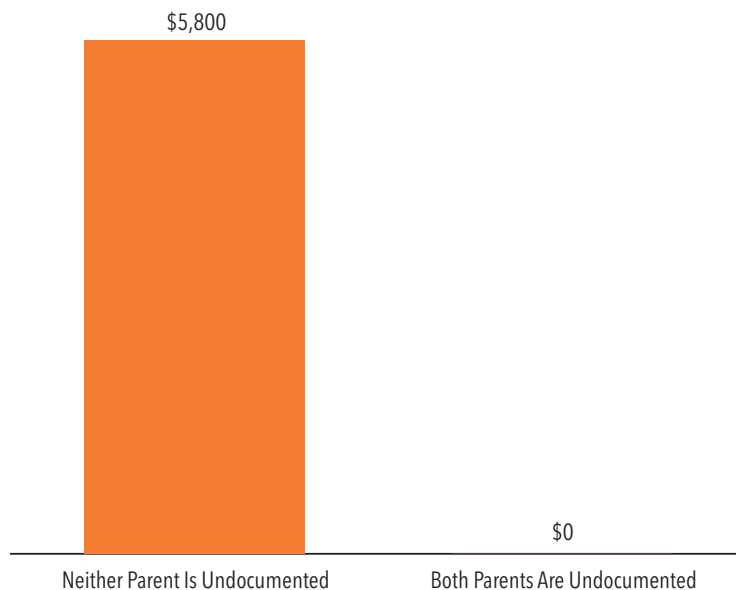




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Undocumented Californians and Their Children Were Excluded From Thousands of Dollars in Federal Recovery Rebates

Total Rebate Available to a Two-Parent Family With Two Children From Federal Legislation in 2020



Note: Analysis assumes both children have Social Security Numbers in both cases. In late 2020, certain mixed status families were allowed to qualify for a portion of the rebates, but most undocumented Californians and their children remained excluded from this aid.
Source: Budget Center analysis of CARES Act, PL 116-136 (2020) and Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, PL 116-113 (2020)

- **Undocumented and mixed status families have been excluded from thousands of dollars in federal aid during the worst recession in generations.** For example, two undocumented parents with two children were denied \$5,800.
- **Undocumented Californians are also shut out of most other supports,** including up to nearly \$7,000 per year from the federal EITC and up to tens of thousands of dollars from unemployment benefits. As a result, undocumented and mixed status families have far fewer resources to pay for food, rent, and other expenses, despite the fact that many are essential workers and long-time US residents.
- **State lawmakers should consider these inequities as they seek to help Californians during the recession.** Providing significantly more aid to our undocumented community would replace some of the resources they have been denied that other Californians have received and would bring us a step closer to achieving a California for all.