

# Health Coverage and Care for Undocumented Immigrants

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# Overview

- Undocumented population estimates
- Current sources of health coverage and care
- Potential coverage expansions
- Looking forward

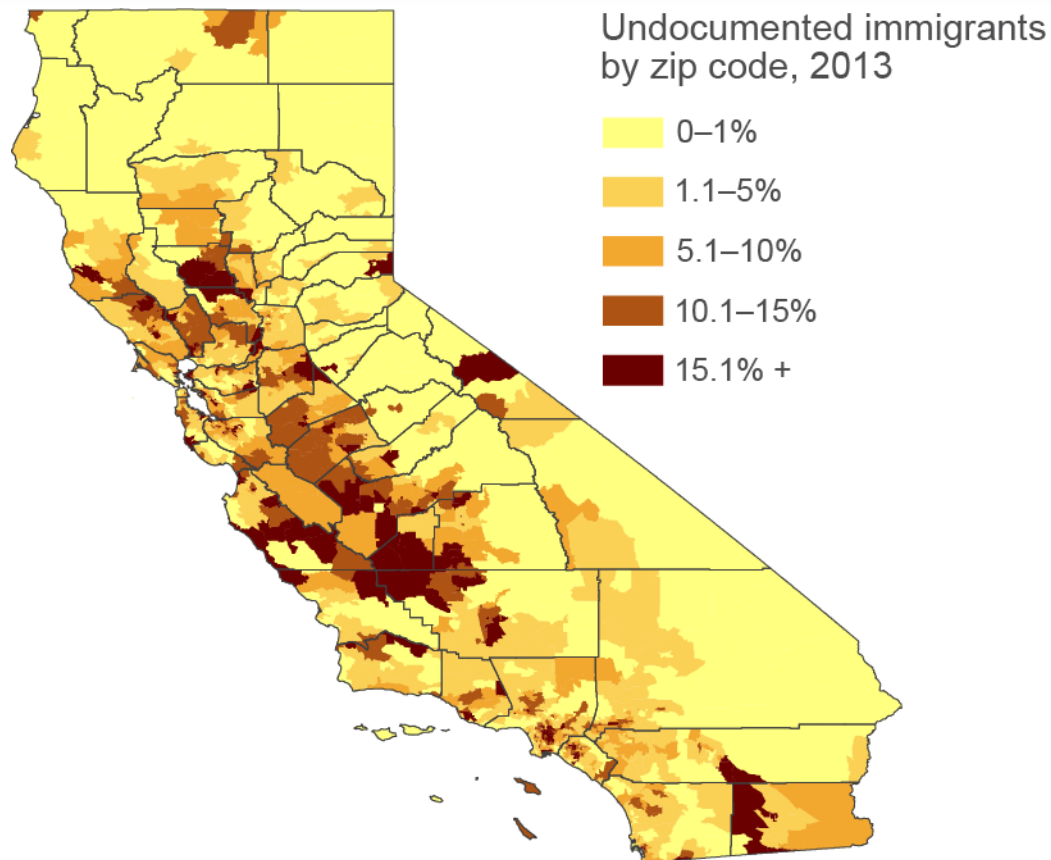
# Policymaking and implementation decisions require population estimates

- Difficult because few surveys ask documentation status
- Variety of methods to estimate undocumented populations
  - “Residual” method
  - Imputation methods
- PPIC method estimates size of local populations using administrative tax data (2011)
  - Individualized Tax Identification Number (ITIN)
  - New work (2015) extended method for regional estimates of family size, family income, and poverty thresholds

# Some counties are home to substantial undocumented populations

County	Undocumented immigrant population (2013 estimates)
Los Angeles	814,000
Orange	247,500
Santa Clara	183,500
San Diego	170,500
Alameda	129,500
Riverside	124,000
San Bernardino	118,000
Contra Costa	77,500
Ventura	69,000
Monterey/San Benito	62,000
California	2,667,000

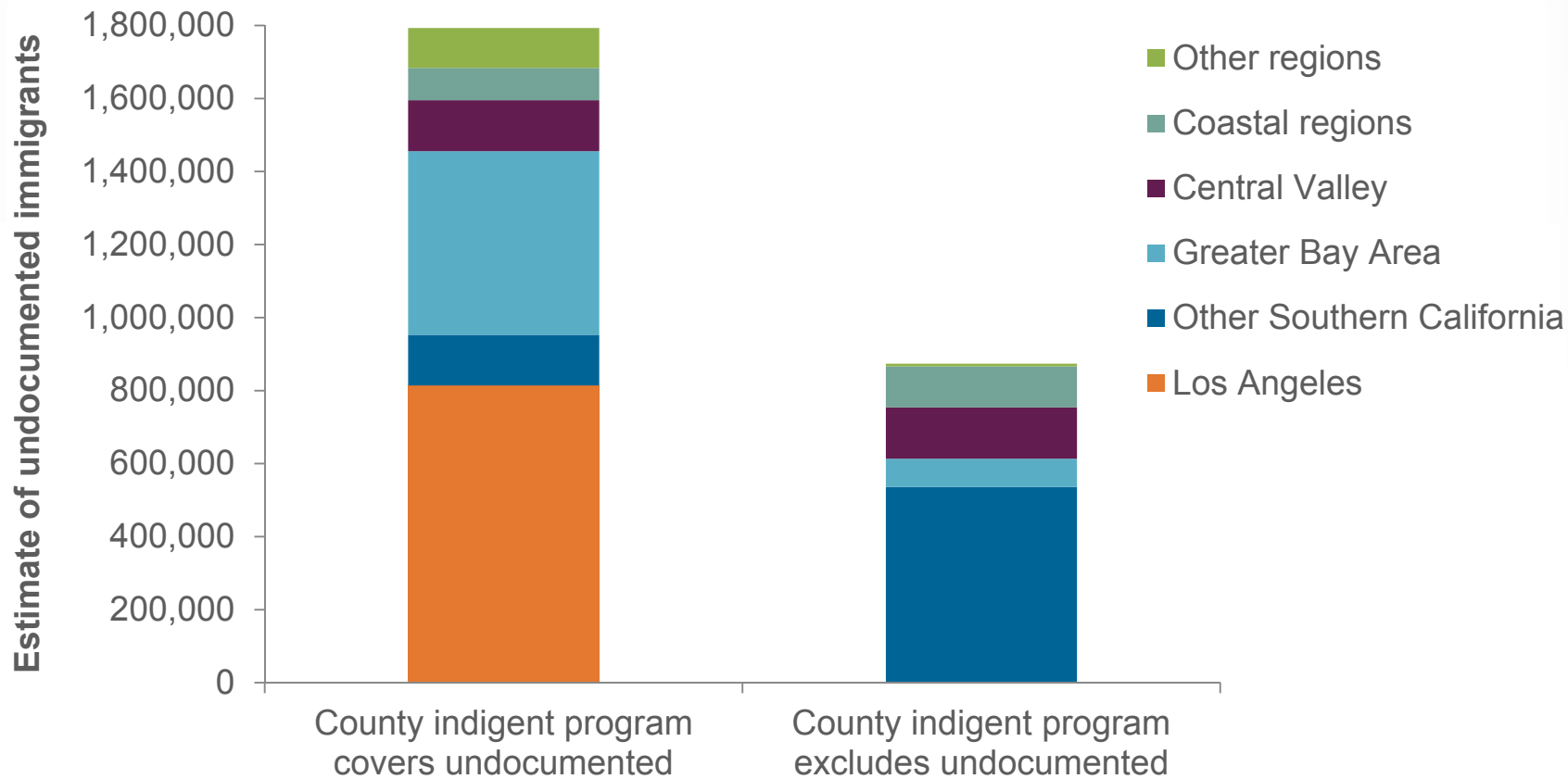
# Undocumented immigrants live in every region of the state



# Health coverage and care currently available to the undocumented

- Private insurance
- Full-scope Medi-Cal coverage
  - DACA registrants
  - In May 2016, children under 19
- Limited-benefit (state-only) programs
- Emergency-only Medi-Cal
- County indigent care programs

# Indigent care not provided to undocumented in all counties



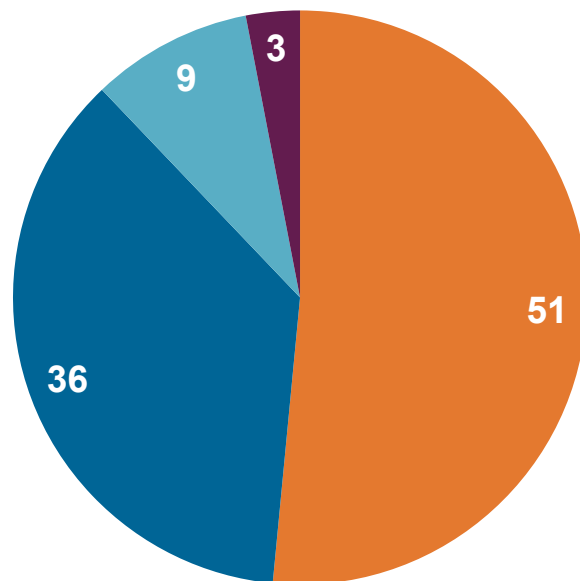




# Potential health coverage expansions

- Medi-Cal coverage for low-income adults
  - New DACA/DAPA if implemented
  - State legislative proposals
- Federal waiver to allow undocumented to purchase plans through Covered California
  - No financial assistance
- Comprehensive immigration reform

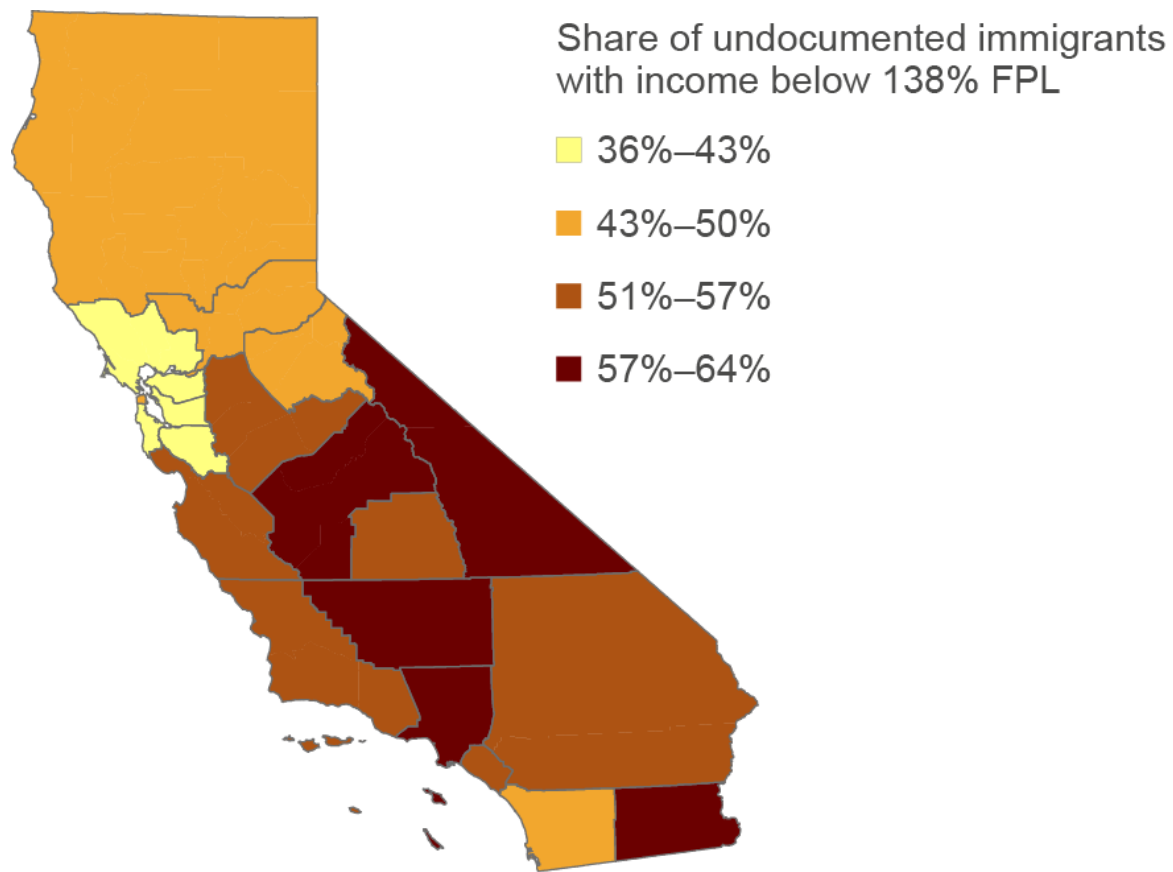
# Slight majority of undocumented would be income-eligible for Medi-Cal



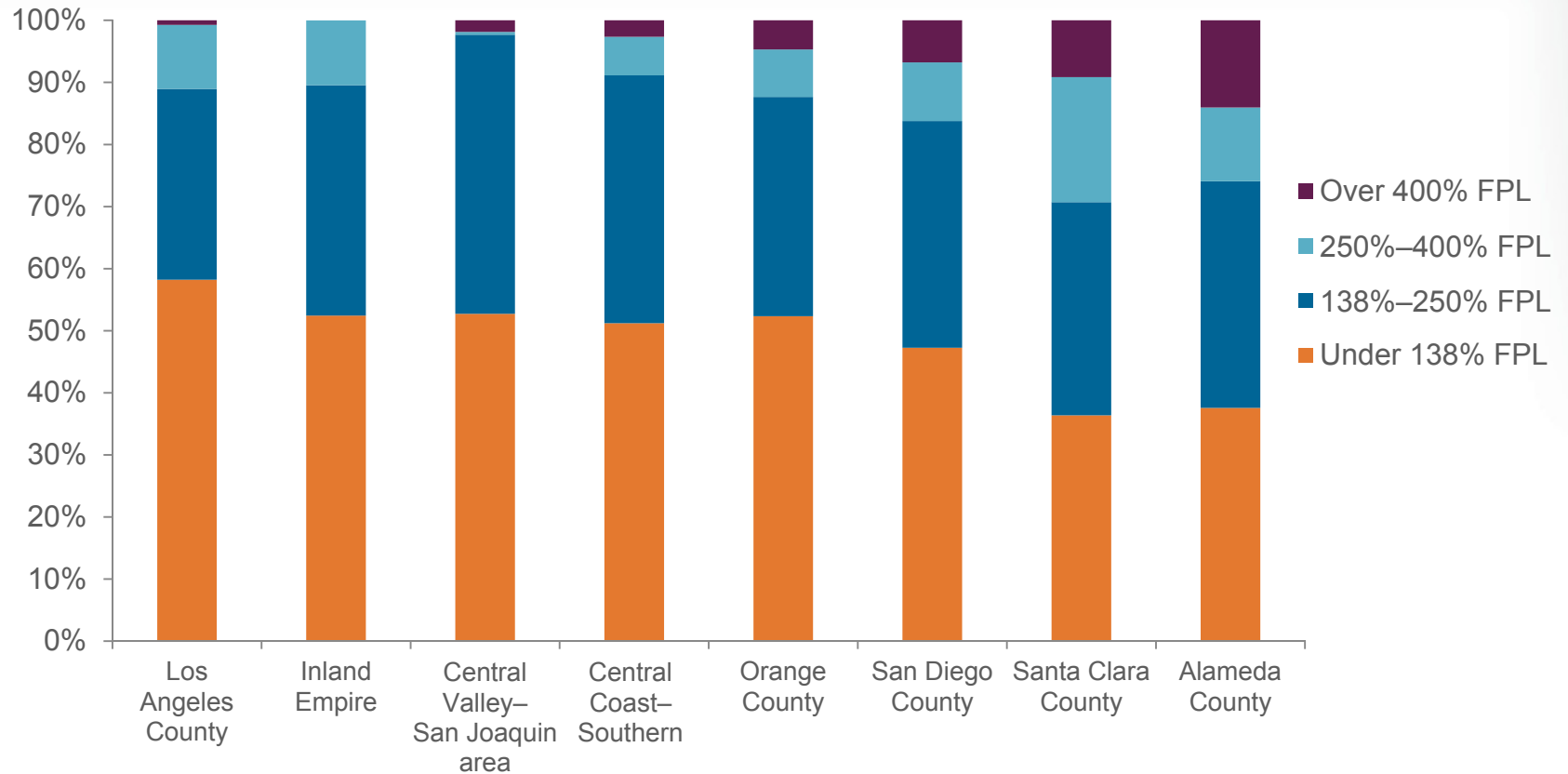
Share of undocumented immigrants by family income levels

- Under 138% FPL
- 138%–250% FPL
- 250%–400% FPL
- Over 400% FPL

# Share eligible for Medi-Cal varies by insurance region



# What about those above the Medi-Cal threshold?



# Without subsidies, Covered CA will not be affordable for many

			Contra Costa	Monterey	Orange	San Joaquin
Family of 4, 2 adults (age 35), 2 children, monthly income of \$4000/mo	Bronze	Monthly Premium	\$531	\$562	\$399	\$428
		% income	13.3	14.1	10.0	10.7
	Silver	Monthly Premium	\$690	\$741	\$562	\$613
		% income	17.3	20.2	14.1	15.3

# Looking forward

- Still more than 1 million undocumented immigrants without insurance
- Health care safety net providers responsible for care need support
- Research and public opinion favor expanding options for coverage
- Without comprehensive immigration reform, California may continue to lead the way
  - Medi-Cal for children is first step

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