

# Arkansas and DACA: The Facts

## DACA in Arkansas

### Young Adults Benefit from DACA



In Arkansas, DACA has allowed nearly 5,100 young people to come forward, pass background checks, and live and work legally in the country.<sup>1</sup>

### DACA Renewals



In Arkansas, DACA recipients have had their protection renewed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security nearly 4,300 times.<sup>2</sup>

### If DACA Ends, Losses to State Economy



Ending DACA would cost Arkansas more than \$236 million in annual GDP losses.<sup>3</sup>

## National DACA Statistics

### Youth Thrive Nationwide



DACA has changed the lives of nearly 800,000 young people who have lived in the United States since their childhood, allowing them to better contribute to their families and communities.<sup>4</sup>

### If DACA Ends, U.S. Loses Workers



Ending DACA would remove an estimated 685,000 workers from the nation's economy.<sup>5</sup>

### If DACA Ends, Losses to National Economy



Ending DACA would result in a loss of \$460.3 billion from the national GDP over the next decade.<sup>6</sup>

## Young People Thrive Economically, Educationally

A recent nationwide survey finds that after receiving DACA, recipients moved to jobs with better pay (63 percent), gaining greater access to employment that matches their education and training (49 percent) and to jobs with better working conditions (48 percent).<sup>7</sup>

## The Public Supports DACA

An April 2017 survey of registered voters found that 78% of American voters support giving Dreamers the chance to stay permanently in America, including 73% of Trump voters. Only 14% of all voters (23% of Trump supporters) believe Dreamers should be deported.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Number of Form I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, by Fiscal Year, Quarter, Intake, Biometrics and Case Status Fiscal Year 2012-2017 (U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 2017).

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Nicole Prchal Svajlenka, Tom Jawetz, and Angie Bautista-Chavez, "A New Threat to DACA Could Cost States Billions of Dollars" (Washington: Center for American Progress, 2017), available at <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/immigration/news/2017/07/21/436419/new-threat-daca-cost-states-billions-dollars/>

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<sup>5</sup> Nicole Prchal Svajlenka and others, "A New Threat to DACA Could Cost States Billions of Dollars."

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> Tom K. Wong, Greisa Martinez Rosas, Adrian Reyna, Ignacia Rodriguez, Patrick O'Shea, Tom Jawetz, and Philip E. Wolgin, "New Study of DACA Beneficiaries Shows Positive Economic and Educational Outcomes" (Washington: Center for American Progress, 2016), available at: <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/immigration/news/2016/10/18/146290/new-study-of-daca-beneficiaries-shows-positive-economic-and-educational-outcomes/>

<sup>8</sup> Morning Consult and Politico, Morning Consult National Tracking Poll #170409, April 20-24, 2017, Crosstabulation Results, available at [https://morningconsult.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/170409\\_crosstabs\\_Politico\\_v1\\_AG-2.pdf](https://morningconsult.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/170409_crosstabs_Politico_v1_AG-2.pdf).