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# DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS

## What is DACA?

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is a U.S. immigration program that grants protection from deportation and work permits to undocumented individuals that came to the U.S. as children.

## WHAT DOES DACA NOT INCLUDE?

It does NOT include financial aid, Medicaid and other government benefits. Does not grant a path to citizenship or permanent residency.

**THERE ARE OVER 650,000  
DACA RECIPIENTS IN THE U.S.**

Estimated as of April 2021

## REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ Under 31 years old in 2012
- ✓ In the U.S. before turning 16 years old.
- ✓ Residing continuously in the U.S. since 2007.
- ✓ Enrolled in school, hold a high school diploma, GED or be a veteran.
- ✓ Without lawful status in 2012.
- ✓ Not convicted of a felony or misdemeanors. Doesn't pose a threat to national security or public safety.
- ✓ Present in the U.S. on June, 15th 2012.
- ✓ Living in the U.S. at time of application.

# HERE TO STAY!



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## WHO ARE THE DACA RECIPIENTS?

A survey of Dreamers in 2019 (4) showed that because of DACA:



- 40% are currently in school



- of those in school, 83% are pursuing a bachelor's degree or higher



- 58% reported moved to a job with better pay



- 48% moved to a job with better working conditions



**THERE ARE CURRENTLY  
15,000 IMMEDIATELY  
ELIGIBLE DACA  
RECIPIENTS IN UTAH**

MPI 2020 estimate (3)

**8,490 DACA  
RECIPIENTS LIVE  
IN UTAH**

As of March 2020

Source: American Immigration Council (1)



of Utahns support a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers (2)

DACA recipients and undocumented immigrants who immigrated to the U.S. as children are commonly referred to as "Dreamers"

(1) NATIONAL IMMIGRATION LAW CENTER: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3MNIKWJ](https://bit.ly/3MNIKWJ)

(2) POLL RUN BY THE DESERET NEWS/HINCKLEY INSTITUTE OF POLITICS: LINK - [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3DZH4C7](https://bit.ly/3DZH4C7)

(3) MIGRATION POLICY INSTITUTE - [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3D7L6O9](https://bit.ly/3D7L6O9)

(4) DACA SURVEY RESULT - [HTTPS://AMPR.GS/3WRGHMo](https://ampr.gs/3WRGHMo)

# HR 6: THE DREAM AND PROMISE ACT

HR6 would create a three-step path to citizenship for DACA recipients, individuals with Deferred Enforced Departure, Temporary Protected Status Holders, and other eligible immigrant youth.



## QUALIFICATIONS:

- Entered the U.S. before January 1st, 2021
- Were 18 or under at entry into the U.S.
- Have continuously resided since arrival
- Meet an education, work or military service requirement
- Pass government and background security checks



**THIS BILL WOULD GRANT A  
PATH TO CITIZENSHIP TO AN  
ESTIMATED TOTAL OF  
4,438,000 INDIVIDUALS**

## WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT NOW

55% of Utahns support a path to citizenship for DACA recipients. Many of the individuals affected are essential workers, family members and neighbors.

