Virginia and DACA: The Facts

DACA in Virginia

Young Adults Benefit from DACA

In Virginia, DACA has allowed more than 12,100 young people to come forward, pass background checks, and live and work legally in the country.¹

DACA Renewals

In Virginia, DACA recipients have had their protection renewed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security nearly 13,300 times.²

If DACA Ends, Losses to State Economy

Ending DACA would cost Virginia more than $711.4 million in annual GDP losses.³

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.⁴

If DACA Ends, U.S. Loses Workers

Ending DACA would remove an estimated 685,000 workers from the nation’s economy.⁵

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.⁶

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).⁷

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.⁸

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² Ibid.
⁵ Ibid.
⁶ Ibid.