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Child Advocacy in Our Time

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Learning Objectives

1

Recognize the new assaults on child health

2

Review what organizations are doing to stand up for these children

3

Commit to using available resources to advocate for these children in your practice

Texas child is first reported US measles death in a decade as outbreak hits more than 130

Eyeing SNAP cuts in reconciliation

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A CDC vaccine committee meeting, the first of Kennedy's tenure at HHS, gets postponed

An HHS spokesperson didn't say when the meeting would be rescheduled

Families of Colorado transgender children struggle with lost care in wake of Trump order

Hospitals yank services as threat of withheld federal funding looms

Trump orders US exit from World Health Organization

Make America Healthy Again Commission Aims To Combat Chronic Disease and Reform Health Policies

February 17, 2025



ICE directed to find and remove unaccounted for migrant minors

House budget plan advances, paving way for major Medicaid cuts

NIH announces it's slashing funding for indirect research costs

The agency estimates

Thousands of federal workers, including CDC, FDA, and NIH staff, laid off in sweeping cuts

CDC webpages go dark as Trump targets public health information

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Topics

Domestic Terrorism:
Immigrants and Everyone Else

Changes to ACIP and
immunization

All the cuts—when are these
happening?

Safety shortcuts,
consequences,
communication



Children in Immigrant Families

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Living in an Undocumented Immigrant Family Under the Second Trump Administration: Fear, Uncertainty, and Impacts on Health and Well-Being

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Introduction

During his second term, President Trump has implemented an array of immigration policy changes focused on restricting immigration and increasing interior immigration enforcement efforts. These policy [changes](#) include restrictions on both lawful and unlawful immigration into the U.S., increased interior enforcement activities, and a path to citizenship for the

ALSO OF INTEREST

- › [KFF Survey of Immigrants: Views and Experiences in the Early Days of President Trump's Second Term](#)
- › [Potential Impacts of Mass Detention and Deportation Efforts on the Health and Well-Being of Immigrant Families](#)
- › [Expected Immigration Policies Under a Second Trump Administration and Their Health and Economic Implications](#)

Definitions

- **Temporary Protected Status (TPS)** offers temporary relief from deportation and work authorization to nationals of countries facing specific emergencies.
- **Asylum** provides permanent protection from persecution in one's home country and a path to permanent residency (a green card) and eventual citizenship.
- A **green card** grants permanent residency, allowing individuals to live and work in the U.S. permanently.
- **U.S. citizenship** grants the right to vote, hold public office, and access various benefits, including social security and public education.
- **DACA:** Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals: Youth brought into the US before age 16, residing in US since 2007

In Los Angeles...

- LOS ANGELES - The mother of a 4-year-old girl who is receiving life-saving medical care in the US, is speaking out about her fears of her daughter losing medical care if the family gets deported.



Where are our children in immigrant families?

- 47.1 million immigrants residing in the U.S., including 22.4 million noncitizen immigrants, of whom an estimated 11 million are undocumented.
- Immigrants with current have lawful status:
 - 1.2 million immigrants who either have or are eligible for Temporary Protected Status;
 - 530,000 active DACA recipients;
 - Individuals in the U.S. with pending asylum cases.
- Many undocumented immigrants live in families with mixed immigration statuses that may include people with lawful status and U.S. citizens.
- 19 million, or one in four, children in the U.S. have an immigrant parent
 - (12%) who are citizen children with a noncitizen parent.
 - 4.4 million U.S.-born children live with an undocumented immigrant parent.

Ending Birthright Citizenship

- Birthright Citizenship codified in the 14th Amendment
- Estimate over the next 50 years, an average of about 255,000 children born on U.S. soil would start life without U.S. citizenship based on their parents' legal status, the research shows.
- More chaos





Pushback so far....

- In January 2025, President Trump issued an executive order aimed at restricting birthright citizenship, primarily targeting children born in the US to parents who are not citizens or lawful permanent residents.
- A federal judge on July 10 blocked the Trump administration from enforcing a contentious executive order ending birthright citizenship after certifying a lawsuit as a class action, effectively the only way he could impose such a far-reaching limit after a Supreme Court ruling last month..
- Constitutional Concerns: Doubts about the legality and constitutionality of the executive order, citing the 14th Amendment and established legal precedent.

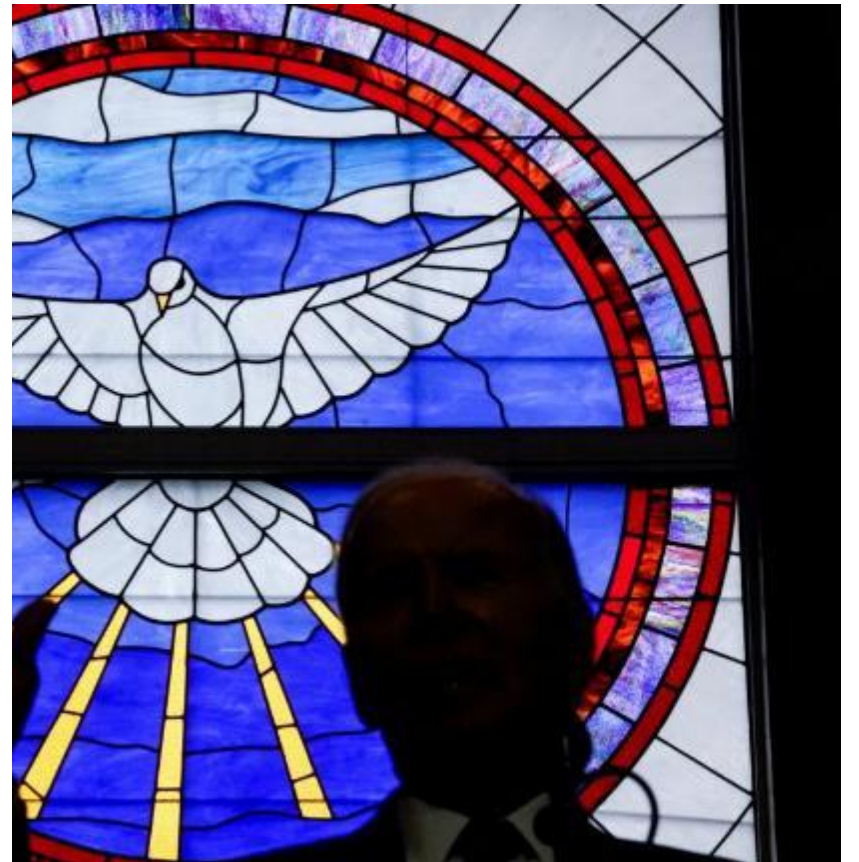
Family Separation 2.0

- Due Process is codified in the 5th and 14th Amendments
- Citizens, TPS recipients, green card holders are being deported without due process
- US citizen children are being deported with parents, including one 4 yr old with cancer
- Supreme Court order currently defied



Arrests at Sensitive Locations

- The rescission is a fear tactic by the Trump administration to make immigrant communities feel less safe in spaces that are at the heart of a civil society.
- These are areas and institutions that individuals, families, and children rely on for basic services and survival;
- Chilling effect on immigrant communities now afraid to access medical care, education, childcare, and places of worship for fear that they or a loved one will be ripped away from the community.



Children in Detention 2.0



U.S. Immigration
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Figure 17

Majorities of Immigrants Disapprove of Ending Birthright Citizenship and Deporting People Living in the U.S. Illegally, Narrowly Approve of Sending Additional Military to the U.S.-Mexico Border

Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump administration...

■ Strongly approve ■ Somewhat approve ■ Somewhat disapprove
■ Strongly disapprove

Sending additional military forces to the U.S.-Mexico border



Increasing efforts to deport people living in the U.S. illegally



Trying to end birthright citizenship, which is automatic citizenship for anyone born in the U.S.



Note: See topline for full question wording.

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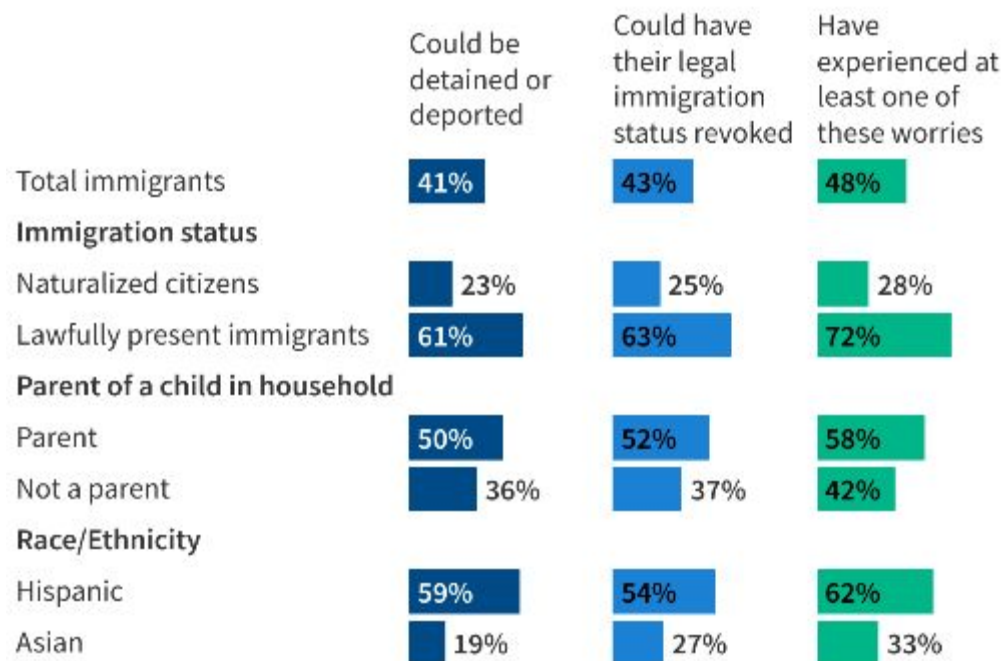
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Uncertainty amongst families

Figure 2

About Half of Immigrants Say They Have Worried About Detention, Deportation, or Revocation of Legal Status for Themselves or a Family Member

Percent of immigrants who say, regardless of their own immigration or citizenship status, they ever worry that they or a family member...



Note: Lawfully present immigrants are noncitizens who report being a lawful permanent resident ("green card holder") or having a valid work or student visa. Other noncitizen immigrants (likely undocumented immigrants) are included in total but cannot be reported separately due to insufficient sample size. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race but are categorized as Hispanic for this analysis; other groups are non-Hispanic. See topline for full question wording.

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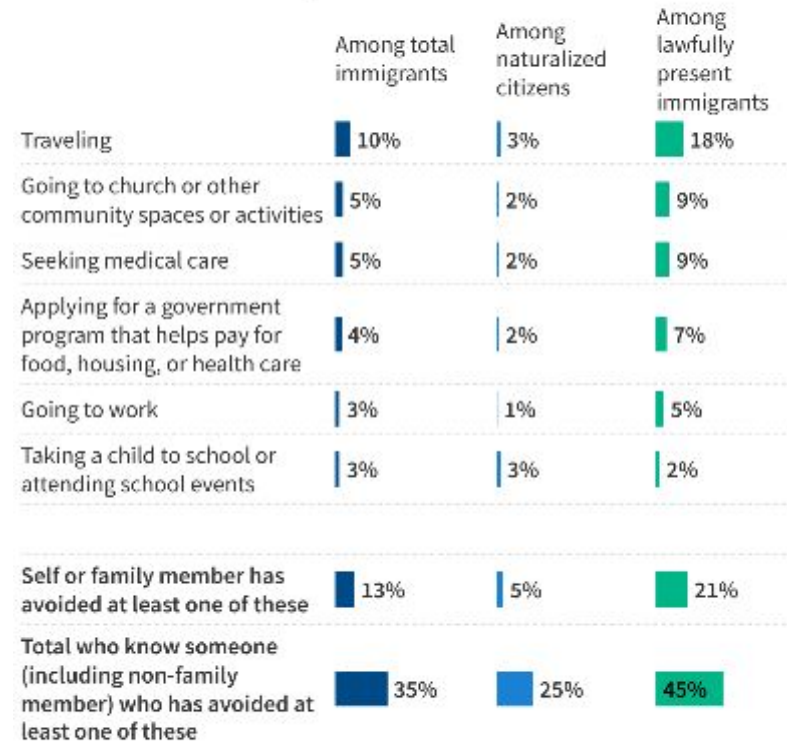
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Limiting Activities

Figure 4

One in Five Lawfully Present Immigrants Say They or a Family Member Have Limited Their Participation in Activities Due to Concerns About Immigration Status

Percent of immigrants who say, since January of this year, they or a family member have avoided each of the following because of concerns about drawing attention to someone's immigration status:



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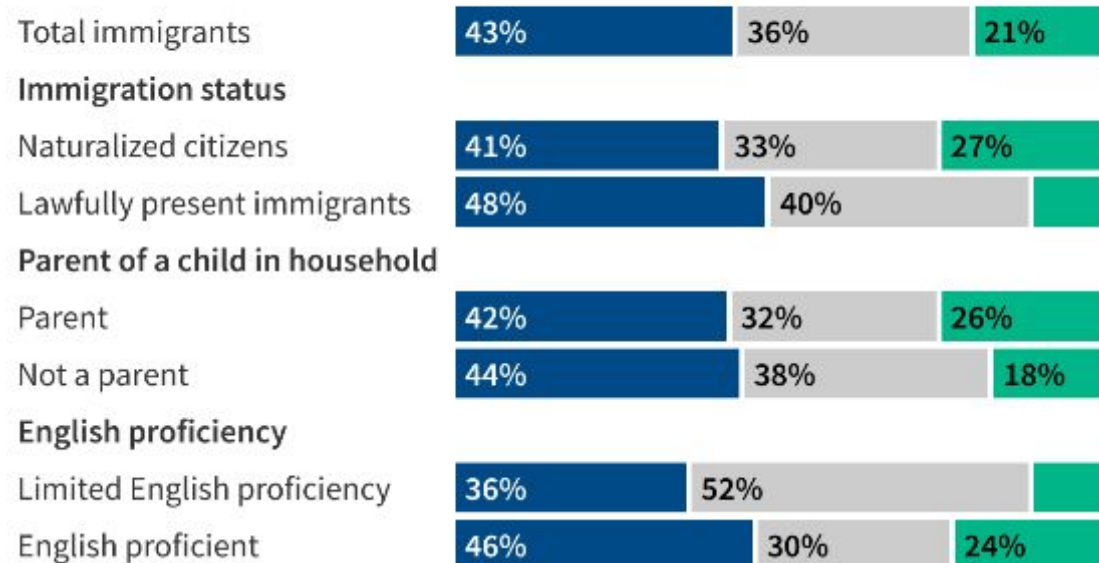
Can we be arrested in sensitive locations?

Figure 6

About One-Third of Immigrants Are Unsure Whether ICE and CBP Can Arrest Immigrants at Schools, Hospitals, and Churches

As far as you know, can Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) arrest immigrants at schools, hospitals, and churches?

■ Yes ■ Not sure ■ No



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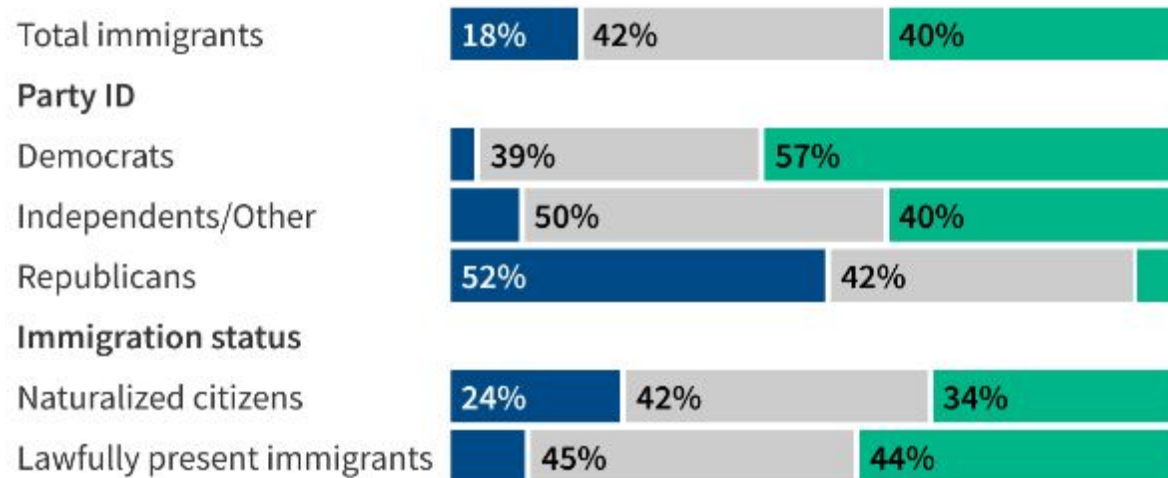
“We feel
less safe”

Figure 14

Four in Ten Immigrants Say They Feel Less Safe Since President Trump Took Office, but Half of Republican Immigrants Feel Safer

Since President Trump took office, would you say you and your family feel safer, less safe, or feel about the same in terms of safety?

■ Safer ■ About the same in terms of safety ■ Less safe



Note: Lawfully present immigrants are noncitizens who report being a lawful permanent resident ("green card holder") or having a valid work or student visa. Other noncitizen immigrants (likely undocumented immigrants) are included in total but cannot be reported separately due to insufficient sample size. Partisans include independents who lean toward either party. Independents/Other are pure independents or those who identify with another party. See topline for full question wording.

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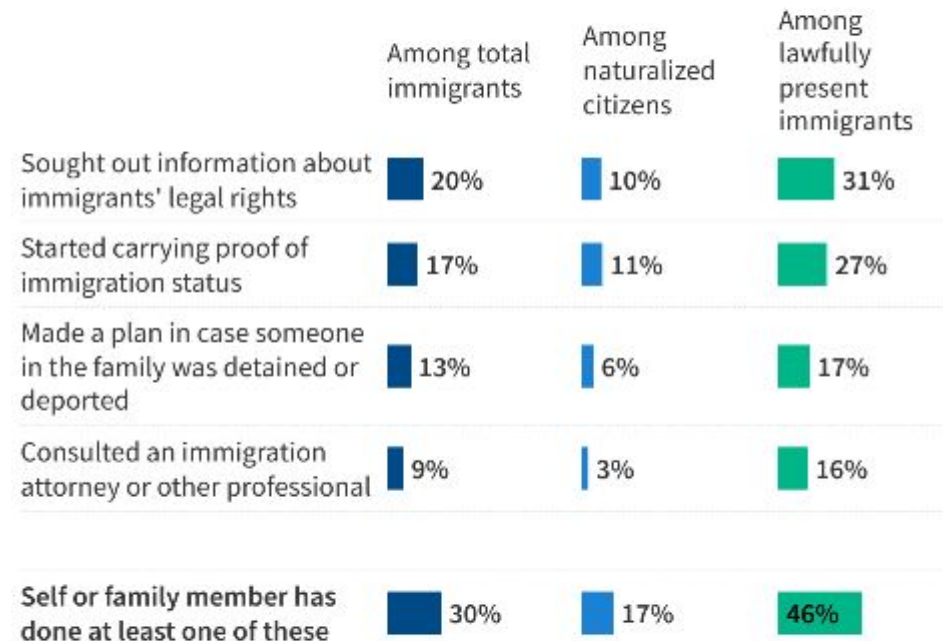
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Understanding our Rights

Figure 7

Three in Ten Immigrants Say They or a Family Member Have Taken Steps To Understand Their Rights or Prepare for Interactions With Authorities, Rising to Nearly Half of Lawfully Present Immigrants

Percent of immigrants who say, since January of this year, they or a family member have done each of the following:



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LA schools superintendent says he'll protect undocumented students 'to the very end'

- Federal officials with the Department of Homeland Security visited two elementary schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District on April 7.
- The officials claimed they were conducting a wellness check on children they claim had arrived unaccompanied at the border.
- In both cases the officials were denied entry by the school's principals





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**Family
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Assessment (SEPA)
Center Flyers**



**Wellness
Centers**

When to Exercise Your Rights

- Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) comes to your home looking for someone
- Police stops you for questioning
- ICE Raids – home, public or work sites



Red Cards

- You have constitutional rights:
- DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR if an immigration agent is knocking on the door.
- DO NOT ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS from an immigration agent if they try to talk to you. You have the right to remain silent.
- DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING without first speaking to a lawyer. You have the right to speak with a lawyer.
- If you are outside of your home, ask the agent if you are free to leave and if they say yes, leave calmly.
- GIVE THIS CARD TO THE AGENT. If you are inside of your home, show the card through the window or slide it under the door.

- Usted tiene derechos constitucionales:
- NO ABRA LA PUERTA si un agente de inmigración está tocando la puerta.
- NO CONTESTE NINGUNA PREGUNTA de un agente de inmigración si el trata de hablar con usted. Usted tiene el derecho de mantenerse callado.
- NO FIRME NADA sin antes hablar con un abogado. Usted tiene el derecho de hablar con un abogado.
- Si usted está afuera de su casa, pregunte al agente si es libre para irse y si dice que sí, váyase con tranquilidad.
- ENTREGUE ESTA TARJETA AL AGENTE si usted está dentro de su casa, muestre la tarjeta por la ventana o pásela debajo de la puerta.

Judicial vs. Administrative Warrants

Feature	Judicial Warrant	Administrative Warrant
Issuing Authority	Issued by a state or federal court judge or magistrate	Issued by a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) agency, such as ICE, CBP, or USCIS
Purpose	Authorizes searches, seizures, or arrests	Primarily authorizes civil immigration arrests
Distinguishing Features	Signed by a judge or magistrate	Signed by an immigration officer or judge
	Specifies an address and time period for execution	Will mention the term "Alien" and be related to immigration law
Legal Force	Must be complied with	Does not require compliance
Scope of Authority	Authorizes entry to private areas if valid	Does not authorize entry to nonpublic areas

ACIP and Immunizations



Dismissal of ACIP Members

- Advisors dismissed on June 9, 2025
- Replaced with
 - Signers of the Great Barrington Declaration
 - Several who changed their positions on vaccines or who refused vaccinations
 - Cody Meissner
 - No Democrats



great barrington declaration

As infectious disease epidemiologists and public health scientists we have grave concerns about the damaging physical and mental health impacts of the prevailing COVID-19 policies, and recommend an approach we call Focused Protection.

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		NEDERLANDS	



What Happened at ACIP this year?

- Changed recommendation for COVID-19 vaccines for healthy kids and pregnant women
- Approved Clesrovimab for RSV prophylaxis
- Plans to “study” Hep B, MMRV, and the current childhood vaccines schedule



Lawsuit by AAP and Other Medical Groups

- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American College of Physicians
- American Public Health Association
- Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
- Infectious Disease Society of America
- Massachusetts Public Health Alliance



When Do Funding Changes Happen in the BBB?

For 2025....

- Filers earning up to \$500,000/yr can claim up to \$40,000 in SALT deductions (was previously \$10,000)
- 2017 tax cuts become permanent
- Maximum Child tax credit will rise to \$2,200/yr, refundable portion at \$1,700/yr, will be indexed for inflation
- Seniors (over 65yr old) bonus deduction of \$6500/yr 2025-2028 (single \$75,000, married \$150,000)
- Auto Loan deduction: for individuals earning up to \$100,000 (single) or \$200,000 (married) can deduct up to \$10,000 interest expense on a new vehicle made in the US
- No taxes on tips—up to \$25,000
- No taxes on overtime—up to \$12,500

Tax Credit Elimination



Electric Vehicles—ends Sept. 30, 2025

Was \$7500 for a new EV
Was \$4000 for a used EV



Energy Efficient Home Improvement benefits

Was up to \$3200/yr
Ending Dec. 31, 2025

Medicaid Work Requirements

- Medicaid recipients ages 19-64 will need to work 80hr/mo to be eligible for benefits
- Effective Dec. 31. 2026
- Exemptions:
 - Certain medical diagnoses
 - Dependent children under 14 yrs.
- Will require every six months beneficiary review

SNAP Eligibility

- Beneficiaries 18-64 will need to work 80 hr/mo to receive benefits;
- Exemptions for certain medical conditions or dependent children 14 and under;
- Need to be US Citizens (not sure who...)
- Not clear when this goes into effect.

“Trump Account” for child savings

- Tax advantaged investment account for children born between Jan. 1, 2025 and 2028
- Government will fund \$1,000 and parents can contribute up to \$5000 in post-tax dollars
- Money grows tax-free and beneficiaries can access funds at age 18
- Funds can be withdrawn for education, disability, and natural disaster related costs
- Beneficiaries will be able to withdraw \$10,000 for a new home or \$5,000 when they have a child

Federal Student Loans

- July 1, 2026
- Limit of \$20,500 for graduate school or \$50,000 for professional school
- Lifetime limit of \$100,000 for graduate school or \$200,000 for professional school
- Parent PLUS loans: limit \$20,000/yr with lifetime of \$65,000/yr per student
- Pell Grants for short term vocational programs

More Cuts: Preventive Health Services



Funding for services

Immunizations

Fluoride in the Water

SNAP and food programs

Foster Care and Juvenile
Justice

More cuts: Children and Education

Head Start

Preschool and Title I Funding

Special Education

Funding for Veteran families

Banned books and

curriculum

Meals at school



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This webpage is updated regularly to highlight some of the AAP's latest advocacy efforts.

The AAP advocates for a wide range of issues that impact children, families and pediatricians. The Academy's advocacy takes place at federal and state levels and extends across all three branches of government. This is not an exhaustive list of every issue the AAP is monitoring and advocating for, but provides a brief snapshot of several key advocacy efforts.

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 - Congress representative
 - Senator
 - Local delegate
 - Local Senator
- Phone Numbers



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