

## Fact Sheet: DACA and DREAM Act in New York City January 2018

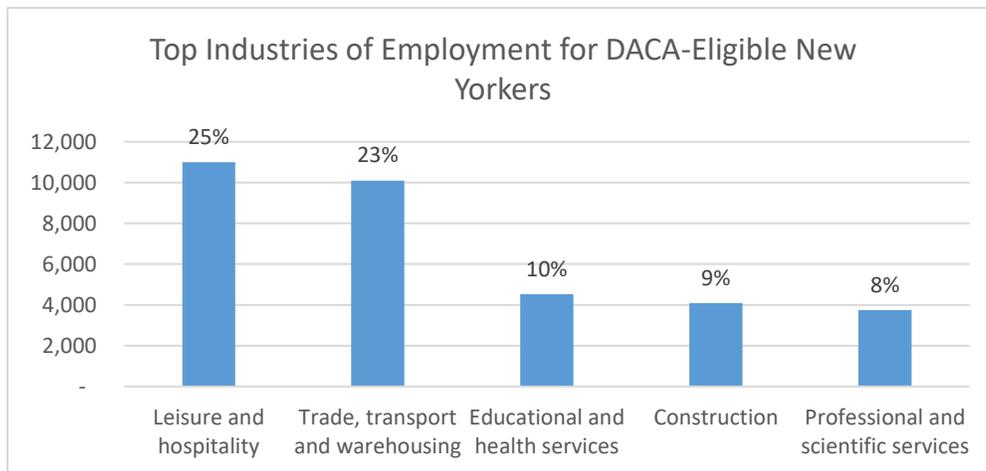
- There are about 30,000 New Yorkers who have DACA.<sup>1</sup>
- In 2017, DACA recipients contributed an estimated \$1.9 billion in City Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for New York City.<sup>2</sup>

### **DACA recipients and DACA-eligible New Yorkers are deeply integrated into our communities**

- In addition to our 30,000 DACA recipients, there are an additional 45,000 New Yorkers who were potentially eligible<sup>3</sup> for DACA.
- Overall there are approximately 75,000 DACA recipients and DACA-eligible New Yorkers in the City:
  - Nearly 40% of this population have either graduated or are attending college.
  - Over 10,000 are either homeowners or contribute to mortgages in NYC.
  - These New Yorkers have lived in the U.S. for an average of 13 years.
  - And on average, DACA recipients and DACA-eligible New Yorkers arrived in the U.S. when they were 9 years old.

### **DACA-eligible New Yorkers contribute to our City's economy**

- Every year, DACA-eligible New Yorkers account for approximately \$935 million in income in New York City.
- About 62% of the DACA-eligible population participates in the labor force—a similar rate as the general population of New York City.
- DACA-eligible New Yorkers are employed in a wide variety of ways, including over 6,000, or 14%, who work as managers or professionals and about 4,500, or 10%, who work in educational and health services industries.



### **The 2017 DREAM Act would benefit many New Yorkers**

- In New York City, there are approximately 150,000 New Yorkers who stand to benefit from the 2017 DREAM Act: 110,000 people would be immediately eligible<sup>4</sup> and an additional 39,000 New Yorkers are potentially eligible but for the education requirement.<sup>5</sup>
- The passage of the DREAM Act will also help over 148,000 U.S. citizens who live in families with these DREAMers, including over 88,000 U.S. citizen children.

<sup>1</sup> All data are estimates from New York City-analyzed 2014 5-year U.S. Census data, unless otherwise noted.

<sup>2</sup> NYC OMB estimate based on New York City budget April 2017 Executive Forecast, and 2017 DACA economic survey by Tom Wong (UCSD). City GDP is a measure of the value of the goods and services produced by the New York City economy in a given time period.

<sup>3</sup> DACA applicants were generally required to be enrolled in school or an educational program, or have graduated from high school or obtained a high school equivalency (GED) certificate. Individuals who are otherwise eligible for DACA but have not yet fulfilled the educational requirement are considered potentially eligible.

<sup>4</sup> Entered the US before the age of 18, arrived before 2014, and currently enrolled in school or have high school diploma or equivalent.

<sup>5</sup> Entered the US before the age of 18 and arrived before 2014.