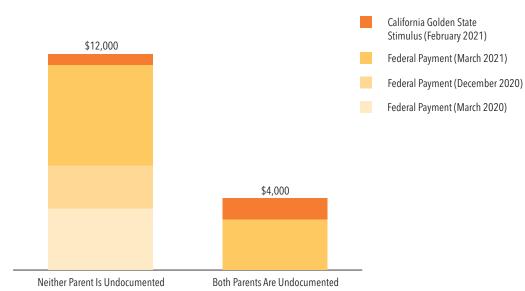


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Undocumented Californians and Their Children Have Been Excluded from Thousands of Dollars in Federal Cash Payments

Total Federal and California Payments Available to a Two-Parent Family with Two Children



Note: Analysis assumes both children have Social Security Numbers in both cases and that both families' incomes are below \$30,000.

Source: Budget Center analysis of CARES Act, PL 116-136 (2020), Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, PL 116-260 (2020), American Rescue Plan Act, PL 117-2 (2021), and Senate Bill 88 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 8, Statutes of 2021)

- been excluded from thousands of dollars in federal aid during the pandemic, even though they are deeply integrated into our communities, workplaces, and schools. For example, two undocumented parents with two children were denied \$8,600 to \$11,400, depending on whether the children had Social Security numbers.
- These Californians are also shut out of most other supports that can help families meet basic needs, including the federal EITC and unemployment benefits. As a result, they have far fewer resources to pay for food, rent, or other expenses.
- California can reduce inequities caused by these discriminatory policy choices. California's Golden State Stimulus replaced only a portion of the federal aid undocumented and mixed status families were denied. State leaders could provide much more support to these families using federal American Rescue Plan dollars designated for household economic relief.