

# WHO Will Be Harmed by Trump's "Public Charge" Rule?



The Trump Administration has made radical changes to the "public charge" rule that will make it more difficult for immigrants to obtain a green card if they use any of a wide range of public benefits. The "public charge" rule will reduce immigrant families' access to the basics we all need to survive. The rule will make—and has already made—immigrant families afraid to seek programs that help them stay strong and productive and raise children who thrive.

The rule finalized by the Trump Administration will impact **26 million people** when it takes effect. Over **9 million are children**, and **85 percent are U.S. citizens**.<sup>1</sup> It will drain millions of dollars from state and local economies, increase unemployment, make communities sicker, deepen poverty and hunger, and increase homelessness.

## TOTAL IMPACT

**26 MILLION** people nationwide.

- ▶ If the **PREVIOUS** public charge definition were applied to U.S. citizens today, **5% of U.S. citizens** might fail the test.<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ If the **NEW** public charge definition were applied to U.S. citizens today, **1 in 3 U.S. citizens** would fail the test.<sup>3</sup>

Anyone in a family earning **less than \$62,750** a year for a family of four could fail the test.<sup>4</sup>

### HARMS CHILDREN



**More than 1 in 4 children**, mostly U.S. citizens, live with an immigrant parent.<sup>5</sup>



**9 in 10 children** with immigrant parents are U.S. citizens<sup>6</sup>

### DISPROPORTIONATELY HARMS COMMUNITIES OF COLOR



**18.3 million [33.4% of all]** Latinos

**3.2 million [17.4% of all]** Asians

**1.8 million [4% of all]** Blacks or African-Americans

**2.5 million [1% of all]** Whites<sup>7</sup>

**Full methodology and additional data, including breakdowns by demographic factors, available at <https://www.manatt.com/Insights/Articles/2018/Public-Charge-Rule-Potentially-Chilled-Population>.**

**SOURCES:** **1.** 2012-2016 5-Year American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Sample (ACS/PUMS); 2012-2016 5-Year American Community Survey (ACS) estimates accessed via American FactFinder. Custom Tabulations by Manatt Health, 5/16/2018. Calculation of Potentially Chilled Population, based on families with at least one non-citizen and earned income under 250% of the federal poverty line. **2.** Jeanne Batalova, Michael Fix, and Mark Greenberg, "Chilling Effects: The Expected Public Charge Rule and Its Impact on Legal Immigrant Families' Public Benefits Use" (Washington: Migration Policy Institute, 2018), available at <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/chilling-effects-expected-public-charge-rule-impact-legal-immigrant-families>. **3.** <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/poverty/reports/2018/07/19/453174/trumps-immigration-plan-imposes-radical-new-income-health-tests/> **4.** The poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). "U.S. Federal Poverty Guidelines Used to Determine Financial Eligibility for Certain Federal Programs" <https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>. **5.** Samantha Artiga and Anthony Damico, "Nearly 20 Million Children Live in Immigrant Families that Could Be Affected by Evolving Immigration Policies." Kaiser Family Foundation, April 18, 2018. <https://www.kff.org/disparities-policy/issue-brief/nearly-20-million-children-live-in-immigrant-families-that-could-be-affected-by-evolving-immigration-policies/> **6.** Samantha Artiga and Anthony Damico, "Nearly 20 Million Children Live in Immigrant Families that Could Be Affected by Evolving Immigration Policies." Kaiser Family Foundation. April 18, 2018. **7.** 2012-2016 5-Year American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Sample (ACS/PUMS); 2012-2016 5-Year American Community Survey (ACS) estimates accessed via American FactFinder. Custom Tabulations by Manatt Health, 5/16/2018.