

Who are the DACA DREAMers and how many are here?

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Congress and the White House are in the midst of negotiations to find a permanent solution for undocumented immigrants brought to the country as children.

Collectively, they're referred to as DREAMers, named after a bill that's failed to pass Congress since it was first introduced in 2001.

A portion of those DREAMers have been protected from deportation under an Obama-era program called the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA. After passing security background checks and proving they were either in school, employed or serving in the military, DACA recipients were granted work permits and two-year reprieves from deportation that could be renewed.

Here's a look at the numbers behind this population.

11.3 million

The total number of undocumented immigrants living in the U.S.

3.6 million

The number of undocumented immigrants who entered the U.S. before their 18th birthday, the group known as DREAMers.

1.8 million

The number of undocumented immigrants who entered the U.S. before their 16th birthday. This is the group that met the basic requirements to apply for DACA.

800,000

The total number of DREAMers who have received DACA protections over the five years of the program.