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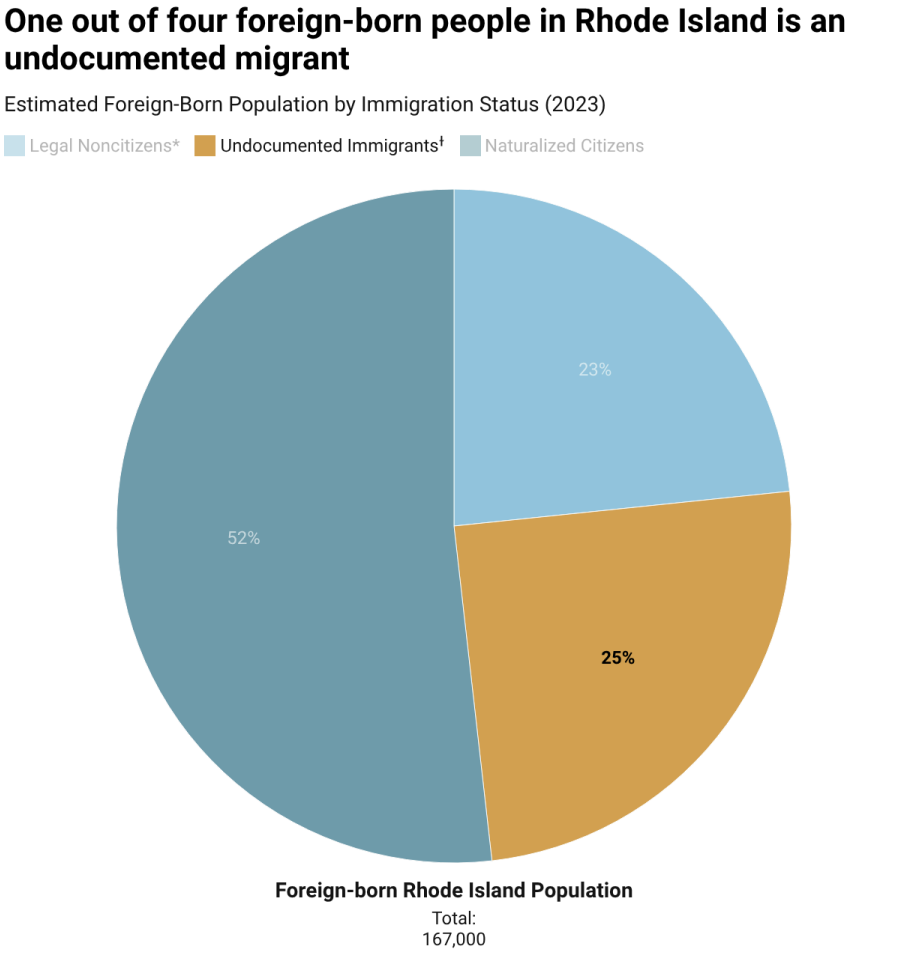
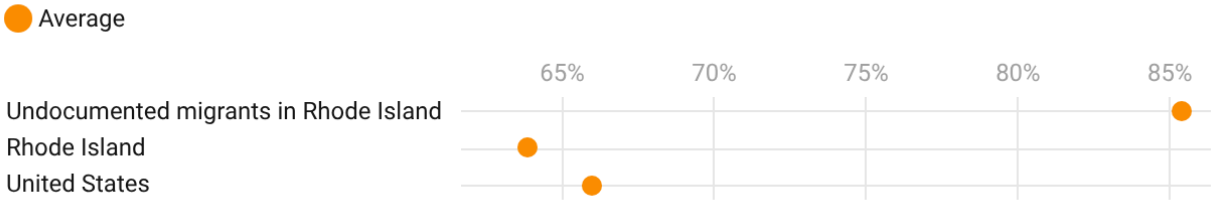
FACT SHEET | The Potential Impact of Mass Deportations on the Undocumented Population in Rhode Island

1. **Undocumented migrants are our neighbors, parishioners and friends.** Around 15% of Rhode Island residents are foreign-born, an estimated 167,000. One in four of them is an undocumented migrant, an estimated 41,500 individuals. 36.4% of undocumented migrants in Rhode Island have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years.



Undocumented migrants' participation in the labor force in Rhode Island exceeds all averages

64.8% of undocumented migrants in Rhode Island work in critical occupations



Labor force participation rate defined as persons age 16+ who are employed or unemployed and actively seeking employment.

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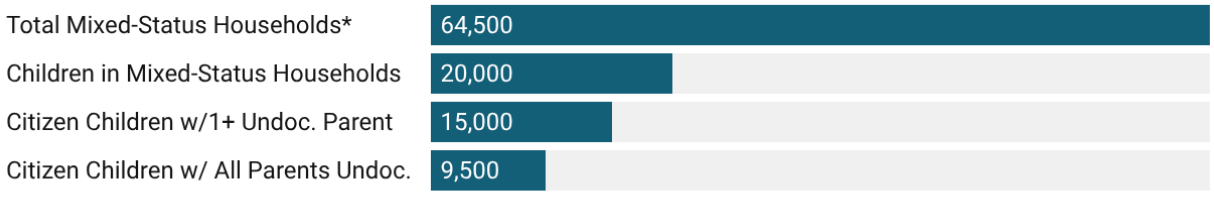
2. **They are hard-working people and help keep our communities running.** Undocumented migrants' labor force participation rate in Rhode Island is 85.4%, well above the state average (63.9%) and the nationwide average (66%). Most are employed or actively seeking employment, with about 64.8% filling roles in critical industries.

3. **As Catholics, we believe in the sanctity of the family. Mass deportations threaten to separate thousands of them in Rhode Island.** Mass deportations would leave about 15,000 US citizen children without one or both of their parents in Rhode Island. Mass deportations threaten to tear apart about 64,500 mixed-status households in the state. That is more than one in every ten households in Rhode Island.

Mass deportations could separate one out of ten Rhode Island households and leave up to 15,000 citizen children without one or both parents



** Defined as households with 1+ undocumented resident and 1+ legal noncitizen/citizen resident*

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