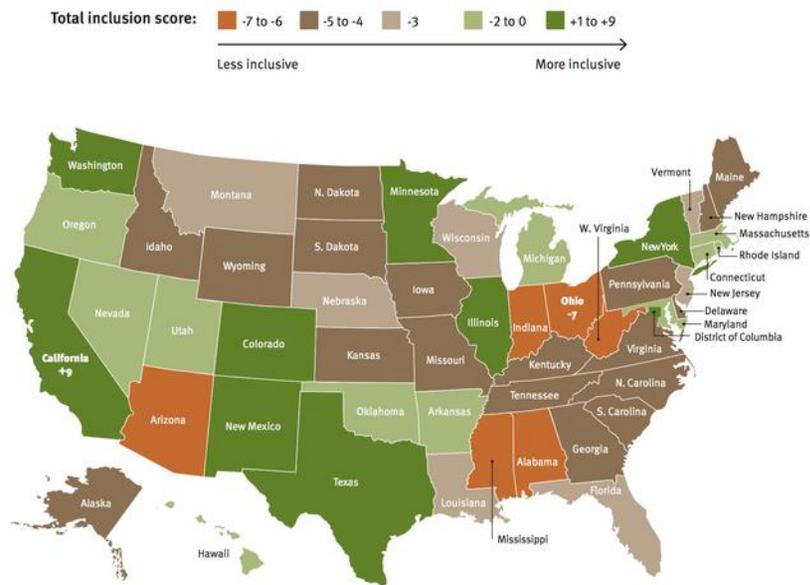


NATIONAL

50-state overview

- State policies for the undocumented, states suing the President, undocumented as percentage of state population

UCLA’s Blum Center on Poverty and Health in Latin American [recently scored states](#) on the inclusiveness of their policies related to undocumented immigrants (the extent to which their policies supported the undocumented). What was the best state in which to be undocumented? California. The worst state? Ohio. A comparison of this map with the map of states suing the President over his executive actions on immigration reveals that one of the most inclusive states (Texas, dark green) is leading the lawsuit against the President and also has a high percentage of its population that is undocumented. On the other hand, the six states with the least inclusive policies (orange) are all suing the President. One of these, West Virginia, has only .2% of its overall population as undocumented. See next page for a figure summarizing these trends.



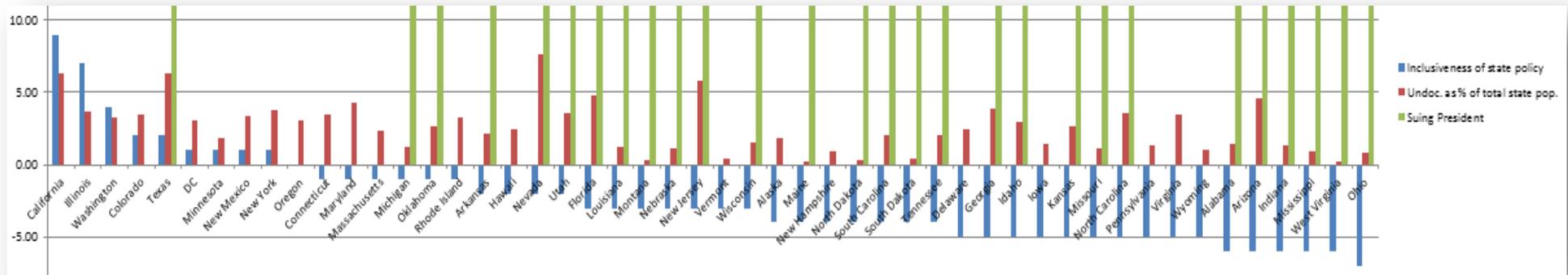
Source: [UCLA Blum Center Report](#), p. 14

Undocumented as percentage of total state population/states suing the President (red)



Source: [Pew Hispanic Center](#) and [Washington Post](#), citing Pew Hispanic Center, adapted graphic.

State policy inclusiveness, undocumented as % of total state population, and who is suing President over executive actions on immigration



Source: Latin American Association, analysis of data, various sources

In looking at the interplay of state policy inclusiveness, undocumented population, and who is suing the President, a few themes emerge: States with more undocumented as a percentage of total population tend to have more inclusive policies; states with more inclusive state policies are less likely to sue the President over his actions on immigration; some of the states with the lowest percentages of undocumented persons (e.g., WV, ND, ME) are suing the President. [Partisan leanings of states suing the President may explain this seeming anomaly.](#)

Courts

- **5th Circuit hears arguments on whether to remove order blocking Obama's exec. actions** (*Atlantic, LA Times*)

Last Friday, a three-judge panel listened to oral arguments from DOJ attorneys ([Ben Mizer](#)) and attorneys ([Scott Keller](#)) representing the 26 states suing the President. Some sources have indicated that the outcome [may not be favorable to the President](#) (see also [here](#)). The judges who heard the case were: (1) [Judge Jennifer Walker Elrod \(George W. Bush appointee\)](#); (2) [Judge Jerry Smith \(Ronald Reagan appointee\)](#); (3) [Judge Stephen A. Higginson \(President Obama appointee\)](#). There has not been a [clear indication](#) of when the Fifth Circuit judges will rule, but some advocates believe that the [expanded DACA and new DAPA programs](#) may be up and running by late May if the injunction is removed. The underlying lawsuit in Texas federal district court will continue with an initial hearing on the merits possible in early June. A [full recording](#) of the 4/17/15 oral arguments is available (2 hours, 20 minutes). Advocates fear that a failure to lift the injunction will mean that the [executive actions cannot be implemented before Obama leaves office](#).

Congress

- [After months of waiting, attorney general nominee Loretta Lynch confirmed](#) (*NYT* and *WP*)

Republicans agreed she was qualified for the job, but opposed her nomination because she supported the President's actions on immigration.

Presidency

- [Where 2016 hopefuls stand on immigration reform](#) (*Int'l Business Times*)(see also *PC* 4/8/15)

Agencies

- **Homeland Security says fewer migrant children coming** ([Politico](#), [CBS](#))

According to the DHS, the number of Central American minors crossing the border has tapered off. The decline may be due less to a reduction in the underlying causes that cause children to flee and more due to [US-Mexico cooperation](#) to limit crossing at Mexico's southern border through the [Frontera Sur Program](#) and the [Central American Minors Refugee/Parole \(CAM\) Program](#) whereby some children may be [flown directly to the US](#).

- [USCIS may not be renewing DREAMers' work permits in time](#)

STATE

- [Georgia Attorney General warns DREAMers: Don't give the President too much power](#)

LOCAL

- [Norcross City Council votes to demolish Plaza Latina](#) (*ATL Busin. Chron.*)(see also [WXIA-TV](#))
- **USCIS and Atlanta sign agreement to support citizenship** ([Nuevo Georgia](#), [USCIS](#), [AJC](#))
- [Dallas, GA: First Latino Superior Court judge](#)
- [Former Mexican Consul General Teodoro Maus honored for work in the Latino community](#)

INTERNATIONAL

- **In south→north undocumented migration, the US is not alone—Europe struggles too**

While tightening US-Mexico border security has led to an increase in deaths (see *PC* 2/23/15 "Dying to Cross"), the European Union [also struggles](#) with high [border crossing mortality rates](#), and the volume of globally displaced persons has [topped 50 million for the first time since World War II](#). (For a comparison of EU/US immigration policy, see [MPI report](#)). [The Central Mediterranean Route may be the most deadly](#), making it comparable to the US CBP Tucson sector or Rio Grande Valley sector in terms of mortality rate. Click image at right for an interactive map on current migration rates and routes into Europe.

