WHO ARE INCLUDED IN THE TERM “UNDOCUMENTED”?  

We define the term “undocumented” broadly to include all immigrants who reside in the United States without legal status. This includes individuals who:

1. **Entered without Inspection** (also known as “EWI”)  
   Individuals that entered the United States without presenting themselves for inspection to obtain permission to enter the country (e.g. crossing the border without inspection).

2. **Entered with Legal Status but Overstayed**  
   Individuals that entered the United States with legal status (e.g. student visa) that remained in the country after the expiration of their visa.

3. **Have or Previously Had Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)**  
   Individuals who have been granted temporary reprieve from deportation through the federal government’s Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program. Additionally, individuals who had DACA in the past, or will be eligible to apply for DACA if the program becomes reinstated.

4. **Are Currently in the Process of Legalizing**  
   Individuals who are in the process of legalization (e.g. U.S. Citizen Petition through Spouse) but currently have no legal status.

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