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## GENDER WAGE GAP

California-based nonprofit group **Gender Equity Policy Institute** has released a new report, titled “Undocumented and Essential: A Profile of Undocumented Women in California,” which finds that undocumented women earn much less than do white men.

Specifically, 62% of undocumented women are in the California workforce, where they earn 49 cents for every dollar earned by a white man.

The report also found that a fifth of undocumented women, nearly 21%, live in poverty in the state, while more than a third have incomes below 150% of the federal poverty line.

More than half, 55%, of all undocumented women in the state have health insurance, a rate that is 41% lower than California women overall.

“The Gender Equity Policy Institute’s report puts a gender lens on immigration,” said organization President **Nancy L. Cohen** in a statement. “Forty-five percent of undocumented people in the United States are women. But when the media or politicians discuss America’s immigration challenges, the immigrants they talk about tend to be men.”

You can read the report for yourself [by visiting here](#).