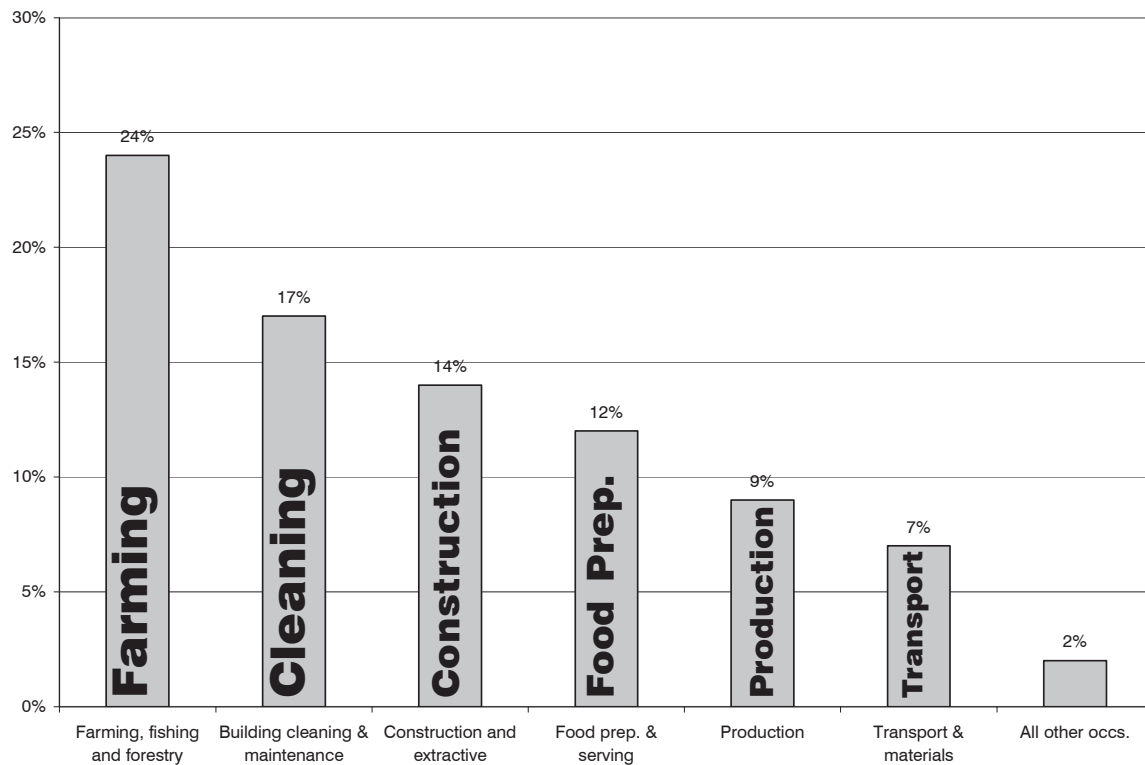


The Jobs Undocumented Workers Do

Unauthorized workers are employed in a variety of jobs throughout the labor force, but they work more commonly in certain jobs rather than others. They are underrepresented in white-collar jobs (“management, business and professional” jobs and “sales and administrative support” jobs). On the other hand, unauthorized migrants are much more likely to be in jobs that require little education or don’t have licensing requirements.

One way to look at the employment of unauthorized worker is by measuring how much of a job category is filled by them. In a few job categories, unauthorized migrants make up a large share of all workers employed in that field. For example, only 4% of migrants were employed in farming, but they make up 24% of all workers employed in those occupations. Unauthorized workers were 17% of the workforce in cleaning jobs, 14% in construction, 12% in food preparation, 9% in production, 7% in transport, and 2% in all other occupations.

Most Concentrated Occupations



Note: Estimates based on the March 2005 Current Population Survey, a joint project between the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Bureau of the Census.

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