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« I came with a tourist visa, so legally I was supposed to stay for 90 days, and I was going to go back, and everybody was overstaying their visas »

That was twenty years ago. Bridget doesn’t want her face shown ; she’s married and she has an 18-month-old baby.

« How do you survive. Do you have a job ?

-I work part time ; I used to work full time until I had my baby ; I work as a nurse’s aid so I work off the books mainly ; I get paid cash »

The number of undocumented Irish workers actually is quite small ; an estimated 50,000 out of a total of nearly 11,000,000 undocumented workers from around the world. But here in Yonkers, and in Boston, and in Chicago, their numbers are growing.

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