



## FACTS ABOUT UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS

### **Undocumented immigrants are paying billions of dollars each year in [taxes](#) and almost get nothing in return**

In spite of their undocumented status, these immigrants—and their family members—are adding value to the U.S. economy, not only as taxpayers, but as workers, consumers, and entrepreneurs as well. Due to their undocumented status, immigrants receive almost zero welfare, social security, retirement and other benefits. Immigrants use significantly [less welfare](#) than native-born Americans.

### **Immigrants Are Less Prone to Commit Crimes than native-born American citizens**

According to the [results](#) of [decades](#) of [research](#), immigrants are [less prone to commit crimes](#) than are the native born, and they are [less likely to be incarcerated](#).

### **Undocumented immigrants cannot vote**

The [Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996](#), explicitly prohibits noncitizens from voting in any elections. Any instance of illegally cast ballots by noncitizens can lead to deportations and other severe penalties. Voting is limited to citizens.

### **Immigrants do not increase the budget deficit and government debt**

Immigrants in the United States have a [net positive](#) effect on government budgets — they pay significantly more in taxes than they consume in benefits.

### **Immigrants do not take American jobs, lower wages, and especially hurt the poor.**

More immigrant workers are associated with lower inflation, lower unemployment and [higher wages](#) for native-born American citizens

Sources:

[Texas A&M and ABIC: Link between Consumer costs, wages, labor and immigration](#)

[Libertarianism: Most Common Arguments Against Immigration and Why They Are Wrong](#)

[Carnegie 15 Myths about Immigrants Debunked](#)

[CATO: Fiscal Impact of Immigration](#)