

# IMMIGRANTS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE U.S. ECONOMY

## Comprehensive Immigration Reform Will Help Get Our Economy Back on Track

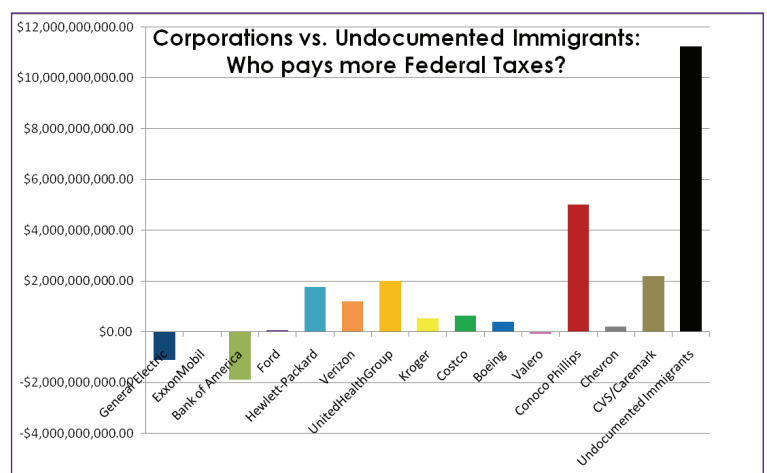
**As wages plummet, unemployment skyrockets, and the middle class continues to shrink,** working families need urgent and bold policy solutions that lift wages, create quality jobs and build our economy for the long term. *Immigration reform is a critical part of that road to economic recovery*—it will lay the foundation for just, robust and widespread economic growth, leveling the playing field for all workers.

### BY THE NUMBERS: IMMIGRANTS' CONTRIBUTION TO THE U.S. ECONOMY

- Undocumented immigrants **paid more than \$11 billion in taxes in 2010** and much more in contributions to economic activity and GDP.
- Undocumented immigrants pay **\$8.5 billion in Social Security** and Medicare taxes annually.
- U.S. natives gain an estimated **\$37 billion a year from immigrants'** participation in the U.S. economy, according to the President's Council of Economic Advisors.
- Immigrant purchasing power is enormous and growing. According to the Selig Center for Economic Growth at the University of Georgia, Latino buying power totaled \$951 billion in 2008 and is expected to increase to **\$1.4 trillion by 2013**, while **Asian buying power** totaled \$509.1 billion in 2008 and is expected to increase to **\$752.3 billion by 2013**.
- Immigrant businesses employ millions of workers. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that in 2002, 1.6 million Hispanic-owned firms **provided jobs to 1.5 million employees**, had receipts of \$222 billion, and generated payroll of \$36.7 billion. The same year, 1.1 million Asian-owned firms **provided jobs to 2.2 million employees**, had receipts of \$326.4 billion, and generated payroll of \$56 billion.
- Undocumented workers make up **5 percent of our labor force**.
- Immigrants are the base of our economy: they pick our fruits, clean our buildings, take care of our children and elderly, build our homes and are entrepreneurs that start high-tech companies such as Google or Yahoo or small businesses such as restaurants in local neighborhoods throughout the nation.

### BY THE NUMBERS: COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM WOULD BOOST U.S. ECONOMY AND PAY FOR ITSELF

- A path to legalization would provide a **\$1.5 trillion boost to the American economy over 10 years**. It would also boost wages for both native-born and newly legalized immigrant workers.
- It would also increase annual budget revenue to **\$6.1 billion by 2014**—that's \$188,227 every hour.
- The National Foundation for American Policy calculated that "over the next 50 years, new legal immigrants entering the United States will provide a net benefit of **\$407 billion** in present value to America's Social Security system."
- The 2007 immigration reform bill, which included a legalization program, would also have more than paid for its reform provisions through increased tax revenue. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) have estimated that the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2007 would have generated **\$48 billion** in new revenue during 2008–2017 from income and payroll taxes, as well as various administrative fees.
- The 2006 immigration reform bill, which included a legalization program, would have more than paid for its reform provisions through increased tax revenue. The CBO and the JCT have estimated that Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006 would have generated **\$66 billion** in new revenue during 2007–2016 from income and payroll taxes, as well as various administrative fees.



## We ALL lose if we deport undocumented immigrants

State	Taxes paid by undocumented immigrants (income, property and sales taxes)	Total Expenditures lost if undocumented immigrants were immediately removed	Gross Domestic Product lost if undocumented immigrants were immediately removed	Total dollars lost if undocumented immigrants are removed
AL	\$130,298,333	\$8,236,833,308	\$3,053,439,415	\$11,420,571,056
AK	N/A	\$1,544,355,843	\$572,501,206	\$2,116,857,049
AZ	\$433,239,486	\$84,017,236,757	\$31,145,651,814	\$115,596,128,057
AR	\$73,342,835	\$2,541,668,221	\$942,210,390	\$3,557,221,446
CA	\$2,733,989,747	\$523,230,324,084	\$193,964,359,239	\$719,928,673,070
CO	\$167,511,108	\$25,502,451,160	\$9,453,898,925	\$35,123,861,193
CT	\$120,494,232	\$17,957,199,125	\$6,656,832,492	\$24,734,525,849
DE	\$13,284,292	\$3,023,732,904	\$1,120,914,420	\$4,157,931,616
FL*	\$806,755,252	\$139,864,202,254	\$51,848,429,118	\$192,519,386,624
GA	\$456,321,456	\$67,955,595,035	\$25,191,512,879	\$93,603,429,370
HI	\$50,628,111	\$6,458,791,284	\$2,394,309,457	\$8,903,728,852
ID	\$32,908,254	\$1,366,289,363	\$506,490,982	\$1,905,688,599
IL	\$499,198,900	\$81,691,781,755	\$30,283,592,854	\$112,474,573,509
IN	\$121,618,554	\$9,052,415,063	\$3,355,780,058	\$12,529,813,675
IA	\$73,615,949	\$4,400,983,431	\$1,631,468,766	\$6,106,068,146
KS	\$73,342,835	\$5,791,349,813	\$2,146,885,232	\$8,011,577,880
KY	\$85,054,634	\$5,429,514,465	\$2,012,750,878	\$7,527,319,977
LA	\$80,664,168	\$3,018,817,777	\$1,119,092,356	\$4,218,574,301
ME	N/A	\$436,867,658	\$161,949,244	\$598,816,902
MD	\$275,172,882	\$48,812,041,681	\$18,094,892,349	\$67,182,106,912
MA	\$137,893,788	\$38,298,578,581	\$14,197,493,747	\$52,633,966,116
MI	\$141,662,286	\$12,152,044,992	\$4,504,829,923	\$16,798,537,201
MN	\$81,675,200	\$14,149,572,421	\$5,245,324,328	\$19,476,571,949
MS	\$73,342,835	\$1,857,912,191	\$688,738,269	\$2,619,993,295
MO	\$50,154,440	\$7,422,517,722	\$2,751,568,148	\$10,224,240,310
MT	N/A	\$306,718,318	\$113,702,168	\$420,420,486
NE	\$43,308,032	\$2,716,063,658	\$1,006,859,738	\$3,766,231,428
NV*	\$133,484,679	\$2,716,063,658	\$11,413,837,018	\$14,263,385,355
NH	\$5,146,561	\$2,845,975,420	\$1,055,018,743	\$3,906,140,724
NJ	\$446,126,820	\$77,069,299,879	\$28,570,013,395	\$106,085,440,094
NM	\$101,545,250	\$5,804,563,255	\$2,151,783,527	\$8,057,892,032
NY	\$662,439,624	\$91,354,554,048	\$33,865,635,694	\$125,882,629,366
NC	\$317,729,252	\$46,094,026,042	\$17,087,309,000	\$63,499,064,294
ND	N/A	\$175,459,742	\$65,043,892	\$240,503,634
OH	\$103,858,245	\$12,878,292,102	\$4,774,053,721	\$17,756,204,068
OK	\$81,084,941	\$1,849,189,061	\$685,504,557	\$2,615,778,559
OR	\$99,079,678	\$10,800,573,180	\$4,003,831,888	\$14,903,484,746
PA	\$134,967,366	\$16,848,349,877	\$6,245,775,976	\$23,229,093,219
RI	\$28,153,379	\$2,224,064,646	\$824,472,998	\$3,076,691,023
SC	\$43,666,639	\$5,616,679,423	\$2,082,133,957	\$7,742,480,019
SD	N/A	\$607,032,356	\$225,030,233	\$832,062,589
TN	\$157,407,212	\$12,105,960,888	\$4,487,746,292	\$16,751,114,392
TX*	\$1,607,294,735	\$220,655,153,205	\$81,798,079,037	\$304,060,526,977
UT	\$105,401,915	\$7,439,152,135	\$2,757,734,617	\$10,302,288,667
VT	N/A	\$794,829,439	\$294,647,645	\$1,089,477,084
VA	\$165,265,025	\$35,580,245,924	\$13,189,792,878	\$48,935,303,827
WA*	\$327,707,195	\$46,201,518,506	\$17,127,157,048	\$63,656,382,749
WV	N/A	\$84,893,265	\$31,470,400	\$116,363,665
WI	\$94,455,196	\$8,294,961,478	\$3,074,987,848	\$11,464,404,522
WY	N/A	\$619,202,672	\$229,541,836	\$848,744,508
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,229,381,410</b>	<b>\$1,757,488,165,125</b>	<b>\$651,510,530,119</b>	<b>\$2,420,228,076,654</b>