

## Trump's Mass Deportation Program's Costs and Impact

1. Undocumented immigrants have certain rights, including the right to defend themselves against deportation, and the right to file a lawsuit if injured. The U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights uses the terms "people or person" rather than "citizen" and these rights applies to anyone physically on U.S. soil. [12]
2. In 2024, 64% of Americans say that undocumented immigrants should have a way to stay in the U.S. legally. To become a U.S. citizen, 79% of Americans feel undocumented immigrants should be required to pass a security background check. [7]
3. Deporting 1 million undocumented immigrants annually will cost U.S. taxpayers over \$88 billion each year. Trump's administration will have to spend \$7 billion to arrest them (average cost per at-large arrest is \$6,653), \$66 billion to build thousands of new detention centers and to hold these detainees, \$12.6 billion for legal processing of the detainees (because of the U.S. immigration courts' current backlog, cases may take months to years to resolve), and \$2.1 to deport detainees. Arresting 13.3 million illegal immigrants could require anywhere from 220,000 to 409,000 additional CBP and ICE agents or a 24-fold increase in agents. These agents are paid \$200,610 each year. [4]
4. **TRADE OFFS - For the same amount of money being spent on Trump's mass deportation of one million people a year, sustained over 10-plus years until 13.3 million people have either been deported or left on their own, the United States could:**
  - Build over 40,450 new elementary schools in communities around the nation.
  - Construct over 2.9 million new homes in communities around the nation.
  - Fund the Head Start program for nearly 79 years.
  - Pay full tuition and expenses for over 4.3 million people to attend a private college for four years. [4]
5. **A single year of a million-deportation regime, with its \$88 billion price tag, would cost:**
  - Nearly three times as much as the federal government spends on child nutrition.

- More than the government gives out in the Child Tax Credit program.
  - Eighteen times more than the entire world spends each year on cancer research. [4]
6. Deporting 8.1 million undocumented workers, who comprise 4.8% of the U.S. workforce, would reduce our nation's production of goods and services (GDP) by 2.6% or nearly \$5 trillion over a 10-year period. [13] [2022]
  7. Trump's mass deportation plan would disrupt industries that rely heavily on immigrant labor like agriculture (22% of the workers are undocumented immigrants), construction (15% of the workers are undocumented immigrants), and manufacturing (8% of the workers are undocumented immigrants). [13] There are also 1 million undocumented immigrants who run U.S. businesses which generate \$27.1 billion in income in 2022 so these firms might be forced to shut down. [4]
  8. Undocumented immigrants spent \$256.8 billion on U.S. goods and services in 2022, thus deporting them would significantly weaken our economy! [4]

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# TRUMP'S MASS DEPORTATION OF IMMIGRANTS



Some Important  
Facts  
You  
Should Know!

This document provides "factual" information on undocumented immigrants living in the United States and on refugees attempting to enter the U.S. legally at a port of entry or illegally across a U.S. border. It will point out how Trump's massive deportation program of 11 million undocumented immigrants will impact our country and will **cost taxpayers billions of dollars without truly addressing the problem of refugees illegally crossing our southern border.**

A "[1]" notation specified with each point refers to the source of the information being provided. Each number refers to a specific website link listed in the "References" table near the end of this document. Since 2000 census data was used to estimate some statistics, a "[2022]" notation specifies what year any estimated data represents, if it does not represent more recent data.

#### **U.S. Undocumented Immigrant Facts**

1. Roughly **11 million undocumented immigrants** lived in the United States in 2022. They made up 3.3% of the U.S. population and 23% of our foreign-born population and **8.7 million (79%) of them have been living in the U.S. for over 10 years.** [1, 5] [2022]
2. Approximately 8.3 million (75%) of these undocumented immigrants were working in the U.S. in 2022, and
  - Represented **4.8% of the U.S. workforce**, and were 22% of our agriculture workers, 15% of our construction workers, and 8% of our manufacturing workers. [1, 13] [2022]
  - Were mostly **working in low paying jobs that 77% of the U.S. citizens don't really want to do.** Basically, they have become "essential" workers for many employers, and play a particularly important role in critical sectors like healthcare, agriculture, food production, and construction. [1, 2] [2022]
3. **\$96.7 billion** in federal & state payroll taxes, and state & local sales taxes were paid by undocumented immigrants. On average, an undocumented immigrant pays \$8,889 in taxes each year. [3, 5] [2022]
4. **\$32.1 billion** of their 2022 payroll tax deductions **went into the Social Security and Medicare programs** and help keep these

programs financially sound. Additionally, they paid \$1.8 billion in unemployment insurance in 2022. [3] [2022]

5. Undocumented immigrants **cannot receive SNAP benefits (food stamps)** or any other federal government aid because aid applicants must provide proof of their U.S. citizenship. [11]
6. Undocumented **immigrants are not voting illegally** in presidential elections. After the 2016 election, the New York Times surveyed election and law enforcement officials in 49 states. It learned of two possible instances of non-citizens voting out of 137.7 million voters nationwide. [14] Trump's 2021 sixty plus voter fraud court cases found that there was no widespread voter fraud. [15] [2016 & 2021]
7. **Undocumented immigrants are half as likely to commit violent crimes than U.S. citizens.** The U.S. Department of Justice's analysis of criminal arrests in Texas over a recent seven-year period found that undocumented immigrants are arrested for violent and drug related crimes at **less than half the rate** of U.S. born citizens. [16] [2011 to 2018]
8. Of the **1.5 million refugees caught attempting to cross the border illegally in 2024, only 15,608 of these refugees had previous criminal convictions.** The most common criminal convictions of these refugees were attempting to enter another country illegally (9,545), driving under the influence (2,577), and drug possession and trafficking offences (1,414). [18]
9. There are **5.8 million US born citizen-children living in a household with an undocumented immigrant parent.** [9] 1.8 million US born citizen-children living with two undocumented parents. [17]
10. The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California **Ms. L v ICE** case's 2023 settlement **prohibits the Trump or any other administration from enacting another family separation policy**, like "Zero Tolerance", before 2031. [10]

#### **New York State Undocumented Immigrants Facts**

1. It is estimated that **New York State has roughly 835,000 undocumented immigrants** and 55% of them have been living in NYS for **more than 10 years.** [6] [2020]
2. It is also estimated that **518,000 (62%) of the undocumented immigrants are employed in NY State** and that they work in a variety of low-wage jobs, including accommodations and food services (105,000), construction (85,000), professional services (55,000), health services (54,000), and retail trade (54,000). [6, 12] [2020]
3. New York State received over **\$3.1 billion in tax revenues** from undocumented immigrants living in the state. [3,5] [2022]
4. It was estimated that **254,700 U.S. born citizen-children in New York State live with at least one undocumented family member.** [8] [2021]

