

Immigration by the Numbers

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I offered some numbers related to immigration during the May 4 show. Here are the important numbers associated with illegal immigration into the United States:

- Settling on the numbers of illegal immigrants in the United States is very difficult. Based on my research, I think there are some 14 million individuals in this country illegally. Also, there 3.8 million children born to these individuals. Of the 3.8 million children, 75% are US citizens, having been born in this country.

- As much as 76% of the illegal immigrants live in just 9 states. Those states are:

- CA, 23%, 3.2 million
- TX, 13%, 1.8 million
- FL, 10%, 1.4 million
- NY, 10%, 1.4 million
- NJ, 5%, at least 700K
- AZ, 5%, at least 700K
- GA, 4%, at least 550K
- NC, 3%, at least 400K
- VA, 3%, at least 400K

- Iowa has about 70K, NE about 45K and SD about 5K

- In America, there are 5.3 million illegal immigrant households

- Educational attainment

- 47% of illegal immigrants have less than a high school diploma (8% for natives)

- 33% live in poverty (10% for natives)

- 50% have no health insurance

- Illegals comprise 6.5% of the labor force, with 48% of the illegals working in blue or gray collar jobs

- 94% of illegal immigrants live in large urban areas as opposed to just 80% of the native population

- Cost of illegal immigration

- Most of the costs associated with illegal immigration go into three areas--public education, safety and health

- The mean income of illegal immigrant households is \$30K, median about \$36K. Native household mean income well above \$50K

- Benefits received versus taxes paid

- In Iowa, illegal immigrant households receive \$17,400 more in benefits than they pay in taxes

- Across the nation, the average is \$21,000 per illegal immigrant household

- The cost of illegal immigration to taxpayers in Iowa is \$365 million a year

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- The cost in NE is around \$277 million
 - The cost in SD is around \$31 million
 - In CA, the cost is around \$20 billion a year
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- Employment
 - There are 1.1 million legal immigrants allowed in the country each year, nearly all of which can enter the workforce.
 - There are 500K illegal immigrants entering the country every year, for a total of 1.6 million new workers.
 - These numbers then require the economy to generate at least 125K new jobs each month, just to accommodate the new immigrant workforce
 - Thus, the economy, when all labor entrants are included, must produce at least 150K jobs a month. To move the unemployment numbers, the economy must produce an additional 150K for each .1% of unemployment
 - The difficulty is that nearly all of the immigrants that come into the country lack work skills, language skills and the education to find suitable employment in a service driven economy