

# \$346 BILLION ILLEGAL ALIEN COSTS ANNUALLY: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Every month, month in and month out, year in and year out, your U.S. senators and House representatives along with President Bush allow 182,000 legal and illegal immigrants to move into America ....

....—give or take a few hundred thousand. By years end, they total 2.18 million virtually uneducated, unskilled and lack English language abilities while arriving with a plethora of diseases and other health care needs.

Who pays? You do! How much? Each year, you shell out \$346 billion in taxes to pay for those immigrants across 15 federal agencies.

The Department of Health and Human Services spent \$672.9 billion in 2007 according to financial analyst Edwin S. Rubenstein.

“Immigrants are poorer, pay less tax, and are more likely to receive public benefits than American citizens,” said Edwin Rubenstein, reporting on the National Research Council’s new book: “The New Americans: Economic, Demographics and Fiscal Effects of Immigration.” The Social Contract Winter 2007-08. [www.thesocialcontract.com](http://www.thesocialcontract.com)

When legal immigrants arrive, your tax dollars funnel into their “Individual Development Accounts”. You pay them \$1.00 for every dollar they place into a saving account. They receive up to \$4,000.00 per household. In other words, they could not sustain themselves when they arrived, so you pay for them to stay. Neat government trick, huh?!

Congress pays out \$25 million of your tax dollars annually to this little toilet bowl financial hole. Bush wants to add 900,000 accounts this year.

“In 2006, 38 million U.S. residents were foreign born,” Rubenstein said. “Most immigrants are poorly educated and lack basic skills required for middle class jobs, which include health benefits. Immigrants account for 59 percent of uninsured people.”

Latino immigrants do not get immunized, suffer higher rates of TB, experience higher obesity rates, suffer dental carries and use drugs, tobacco and alcohol. They rarely use contraception, which can be seen in their exploding unwed mother birth rates. Thus immigrants account for a disproportionate share of Medicaid spending.

“Currently Congress considers an expansion of benefits to 400 percent of the poverty line--\$83,000.00 for a family of four,” Rubenstein said. “Approximately 6.7 million children and adults are covered. In 2006, federal expenditures totaled \$5.5 billion. About \$605 million was spent on immigrants.”

Adding to this bombshell cost assessment for legal and illegal immigrants; the “Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act of 1985” requires hospitals to serve illegal aliens who seek emergency care. Your tax collars pay \$167 million for illegal aliens.

Drug addiction and alcoholism make up the fastest “disabilities” illegal aliens claim in our ER hospitals:

In 1983: 3,000 cases - In 1994: 101,000 cases - In 2003: 325,000 cases:

“EMTALA gives illegals more than medical treatment. A “disability” diagnosis automatically qualifies them for immediate cash transfer payments,” Rubenstein said. “The numbers are staggering.”

127,900 illegals on SSI in 1982 - 601,400 illegals in 1992 - 2,000,000 illegals in 2003.

While they use our medical services, illegal and legal immigrants send cash transfers back home to their own countries in excess of \$80 billion annually. Mexico alone receives \$23 billion annually. All the while, they send our working poor into the unemployment lines or welfare.

As reported two weeks ago by Brian Williams at NBC, “Twenty-eight million Americans received food stamps in the month of April.”

Dr. Steve Camarota of [www.cis.org](http://www.cis.org) said, “The persistently high rate of welfare use by immigrant households is almost entirely explained by their heavy reliance on Medicaid, use of which has actually risen.”

Of special note, 86 hospitals and ER's bankrupted out of existence in California in the past six years. Why? That state houses 4,000,000 illegal aliens.

When you combine the figures of the phenomenon of 400,000 babies born each year in the USA to illegal mothers, the costs in human services reaches into the billions and billions of dollars. All from American taxpayers! But it doesn't stop there! Taxpayers must shell out their money to pay for K-12 education along with ESL and breakfasts and lunch

programs for our new poor class.

With America importing 182,000 more legal and illegal immigrants every 30 days, it's a matter of time before more schools fail to educate, more hospitals bankrupt and prisons explode with added prisoners from foreign lands.

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Final note: I am looking for thinkers, writers and advocates to add to my monthly "Master Mind Think Tank." In reality, our politicians foment the problems that they campaign to solve. They never solve them; thus we spiral into deeper national chaos. I need new ideas and new creative thinkers to help me bring our most pressing issues onto the front burner: overpopulation in America caused by ceaseless legal and illegal immigration. As you know, the recent PEW report shows immigration adding 100 million people to our country in 30 years. We need to stop it and we need to stop it now. Join me in saving our civilization. [frostyw@juno.com](mailto:frostyw@juno.com)

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