

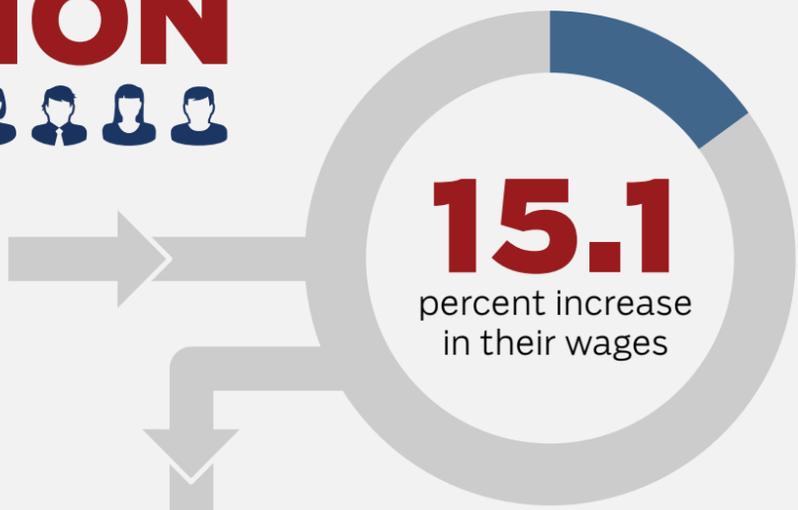
How legalization and citizenship helps the economy

Providing legal status and citizenship to the 11 million undocumented immigrants living in our country would trigger a significant boost to the U.S. economy over the next 10 years: Immigrants would earn more, consume more, and consequently the economy as a whole would grow. The timing and nature of immigration reform matters. The sooner undocumented immigrants are legalized and gain citizenship, the larger the gains will be for the U.S. economy. The current proposals postpone citizenship eligibility beyond 10 years. While the gains of legalization alone are significant, failing to provide citizenship within 10 years lessens the economic benefits. This is how legalization in 2013, without citizenship, impacts the economy over the next 10 years.

11 MILLION



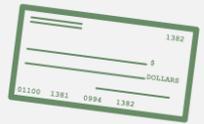
If we provide legal status in 2013 to undocumented immigrants, over 10 years, it would mean...



That means they would:



Pay **\$109 BILLION** more in federal, state, and local taxes



Increase their cumulative earnings by **\$392 BILLION**

Fund higher education and create jobs



Could pay the salaries of more than 700,000 K-12 teachers from the \$40 billion in state and local taxes



Spend that money



Could fund more than 12 million new Pell Grants from the \$69 billion in federal taxes



That would help business and increase the cumulative earnings of all Americans by **\$470 BILLION**



Which would lead to an average annual increase of **121,000** jobs

Extra jobs and money in the economy would lead to a cumulative increase in GDP over 10 years of

\$832 BILLION

Source: Robert Lynch and Patrick Oakford, "The Economic Effects of Granting Legal Status and Citizenship to Undocumented Immigrants" (Washington: Center for American Progress, 2013), available at <http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/immigration/report/2013/03/20/57351/the-economic-effects-of-granting-legal-status-and-citizenship-to-undocumented-immigrants/>.

