

# North Carolina Can't Afford Anti-Immigrant Policies:

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## Lessons from Around the Country

**\$23,482**

The average cost of one deportation for American taxpayers.<sup>1</sup>

**\$2.8 billion**

The estimated cost of deporting Alabama's 120,000 unauthorized immigrants.<sup>2</sup>

**\$40 million**

The amount Kentucky legislators estimate it would cost taxpayers to implement an Arizona-style anti-immigrant law – after factoring in projected savings.<sup>3</sup>

**\$0**

The amount included in that estimate for costs to local law enforcement for identifying and arresting unauthorized immigrants and transporting them to federal custody.<sup>4</sup>

**\$90 million**

The mayor of Phoenix's estimate for the value of lost hotel and convention bookings in that city over five years, made soon after Arizona's anti-immigration law was signed into law.<sup>5</sup>

**\$141 million**

Actual Arizona tourism revenue lost based on convention cancellations alone after S.B. 1070 was signed into law.<sup>6</sup>

**\$48.8 billion**

The estimated amount that Arizona's economy would shrink if all undocumented immigrants left the state.<sup>7</sup>

**\$2.8 million**

Attorneys' fees billed to the city of Hazelton, Penn., to defend its anti-immigrant ordinances.<sup>8</sup> Taxpayers are left paying the majority of the costs because the city's insurance carrier isn't obligated to cover all of them.<sup>9</sup>

**\$4 million**

Legal fees for Farmers Branch, Tex., after a similar battle which resulted in its ordinances being declared unconstitutional.<sup>10</sup>

**0**

Number of sweeping anti-immigrant laws passed around the country that have been fully implemented because of court challenges.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Center for American Progress Immigration Team, The 10 Numbers You Need to Know About Alabama's Anti-Immigrant Law: State Can Say Goodbye to Hundreds of Millions in Tax and Farm Revenue, Nov. 14, 2011 available at [http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2011/11/top\\_10\\_alabama\\_immigration.html](http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2011/11/top_10_alabama_immigration.html).

<sup>2</sup>Id.

<sup>3</sup>SB 6, Commonwealth of Kentucky State Fiscal Note Statement, Legislative Research Commission, Jan. 13, 2011, available at [www.lrc.ky.gov/RECORD/11RS/SB6/FN.doc](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/RECORD/11RS/SB6/FN.doc).

<sup>4</sup>Id.

<sup>5</sup>Randall C. Archibold, Phoenix County Big Boycott Costs, N.Y. TIMES, May 11, 2010, available at [http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/12/us/12phoenix.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/12/us/12phoenix.html?_r=1).

<sup>6</sup>Marshall Fitz & Angela Maria Kelley, Stop the Conference: The Economic and Fiscal Consequences of Conference Cancellations Due to Arizona's S.B. 1070, November, 2011.

<sup>7</sup>Philip E. Wolgin & Angela Maria Kelley, Your State Can't Afford It: The Fiscal Impact of States' Anti-Immigrant Legislation, July 5, 2011, available at [http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2011/07/state\\_immigration.html](http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2011/07/state_immigration.html)

<sup>8</sup>Id.

<sup>9</sup>Scottsdale Ins. Co. v. City of Hazleton, 2009 WL 1507161 (M.D. Pa. 2009) (petition to reconsider denied).

<sup>10</sup>Philip E. Wolgin & Angela Maria Kelley, Your State Can't Afford It: The Fiscal Impact of States' Anti-Immigrant Legislation, July 5, 2011, available at [http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2011/07/state\\_immigration.html](http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2011/07/state_immigration.html)

<sup>11</sup>Id.