Driver Cards & Public Safety
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Positive New Law for Drivers Licenses
Eleven States and D.C. Allow Undocumented Immigrants to Drive Legally

* Oregon’s law, passed in 2013, is subject to a November 2014 referendum
States with Legal Driving for Unauthorized Residents

- 1993: Washington
- 2003: New Mexico
- 2005: Utah
- 2013: Illinois
- 2014: Vermont, Maryland, Nevada, Colorado
- 2015: California, Connecticut, Delaware
- 2016: Hawaii
- 2014: Washington, D.C.
A healthy community means:
• Safe Roads
• Insured drivers
• People operating legally
• People who feel secure
• People who act responsibly
Latinos by Wisconsin Counties

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How Do They Impact Wisconsin?

- Consumer spending: $11.8 billion
- Sales receipts: $4.7 billion
- Immigrant businesses employment: 26,500 people
- Fastest growing segment of:
  - Wisconsin’s total population
  - the workforce
  - the K – 12 student population

*Source: 2010 Census*
Contributions to Wisconsin communities:

- 40% of dairy farm labor
- 90% of fruit and vegetable workers
- 27% manufacturing labor force
- 15% hospital and education resources
Who Are the Latinos in the U.S.?

Latinos by the Numbers:

- **USA:** 17% of US population (53 million+), and growing fast.
- **Large presence in major US cities:**
  - NYC: 27.5%
  - Chicago: 28.9%
  - LA: 48.1%
  - Miami: 68.2%
- **Fastest projected growth 2010-2050:**
  - 167% projected Latino population growth
  - (Projected US avg. growth = 42%)

From 2000 - 2010, Latinos accounted for more than 50% of US population growth.
Reason for Migrating to the U.S.

- Better Jobs/Opportunity: 39%
- Better Life for Family/Children: 38%
- Reunite with Family Members: 12%
- Escape Political Repression: 4%
- Other: 6%

Source: Latino Decisions/NALEO/AVEF poll of undocumented Latinos, March 2013
Barriers Faced by Immigrants

- Language
- Transportation (driver license)
- Housing
- Healthcare
- Legal Assistance
- Discrimination
- Prejudice
- Profiling
- Criminalization
- Education
- Insurance
Driver Cards, issued by the DOT, for unauthorized residents would require:

- Passing a written test
- Passing a driving test
- Passing a vision test
- Purchasing car insurance
Benefits cont.

- DMV database on who is driving legally
- Helps law enforcement
- Safer roads, safer community
- Economic benefit
- Well being of families
- Ensure drivers are tested and insured
- Accountable for their driving records
• Reduce fatal road accidents
• Decrease the number of uninsured motorists that flee from accident scenes
• Increase likelihood to work, find better jobs
• Contribute more to their local economies
• Safety and dignity
Unauthorized Immigration Economic Impact in the U.S.

- $7 billion paid into Social Security annually
- $1.5 billion Medicare taxes paid annually
- typically about 20% less in wages
- 90% of the wages are spent inside the U.S.
- sales tax on their purchases
- property tax on their homes

On average, all immigrants will pay $80,000 more in taxes per capita than they will use in government benefits over their lifetime.
Economic Impact of Immigrants in Wisconsin

- State and local taxes paid by unauthorized immigrants in 2010:
  - $21.8 million in state income taxes
  - $6.1 million in property taxes
  - $66.6 million in sales taxes

*Source: Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy*
Wisconsin Dairy Industry

- 40% of all dairy employees
- A reliable labor source
- Established relationships with farm operation & animals
- Most of the time:
  - not obtaining fair wages
  - not receiving fair benefits
What Can We Do Locally?

- Understand the facts
- Share the information
- Send letters to legislators
- Write letters to the editor
- Obtain letters of support from Law Enforcement
- Provide a welcoming community
- Vote and encourage others to register and vote
- Volunteer at community support agency or school
“Remember, remember always,
that all of us,
and you and I especially,
are descended from
immigrants and revolutionists.”

— Franklin D. Roosevelt
Bibliography


*To obtain licenses and permits in New Jersey, you must prove your identity by passing the 6-Point ID Verification process, which requires at least one primary ID, at least one secondary ID, a verifiable Social Security number and proof of address.


*This estimate assumes all policyholders hold liability coverage only.

*The estimate range is based on two scenarios. Under the first, the cost of obtaining a license does not change for undocumented residents and remains $10 for an initial permit then $24 for a license, totaling $34. Under the second, the cost for undocumented residents is slightly higher and the total cost for permit and license equals $40.


*NJPP calculated the percentage of undocumented residents in New Jersey’s workforce using the 8.6 percent share estimated used by the Pew Hispanic Center (2011 and 2013) and New Jersey’s approximate current civilian labor force of 4.5 million.

*Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center, The Impact of Demographic Changes on Transit Patterns in New Jersey*, June 2010.

