

# Illegal Immigration Crisis Fact Sheet

## Terror Crisis

1. The Census Bureau estimates that about 115,000 people from the Middle East are in the United States illegally. [1]
2. "In 2008, the DHS Office of Immigration Statistics reported that federal law enforcement agencies detained 791,568 deportable aliens. According to the agency, 5,506 of them were special interest aliens." [2]
3. A 2009 Government Accounting Office report confirmed agents have picked up three known terrorists who crossed the southwestern border of the United States. No other information was released. [3]
4. Of 900 companies audited since 2003 having links to national security, nearly *thirty percent* were employing illegal workers. [4]

## Economic Crisis

1. Illegal immigrants sent \$21.2 billion to Mexico in 2009. [5]
2. Texas taxpayers spent at least \$250 million in 2009 for state prison and health care costs for illegal immigrants. [6]
3. The Texas State Comptroller estimates \$1.3 billion in hospital costs for illegal immigrants in 2006. [7]
4. 92 percent of Texas schoolchildren have SSN's on file, indicating they are legally in the U.S. That means Texas has about 8%, or about 400,000 illegal immigrant students, and spends approximately 3.5 billion to educate them. [8]
5. California Dept. of Public Social Services shows that in the single month of Nov. 2010, \$53 million in welfare benefits were issued to illegal aliens for their U.S.-born children in the single county of Los Angeles. [9]

## Criminal Crisis

1. Assaults against U.S. Border Patrol agents increased 46 percent from 752 incidents in FY2006 to 1,097 incidents in FY2008. Three USBP agents have been murdered from 2008 to 2010.[10]
2. "Illegal immigration provides the initial foothold with which criminal elements, including organized crime syndicates, use to engage in a myriad of illicit activities". The U.S. Attorneys' 2009 Statistical Report ranks the Southern and Western districts of Texas number one and two in the nation for the most criminal defendants, 8,801 and 8,435 respectively.[11]
3. More than seven-in-ten Hispanics sentenced in federal courts in 2007 did not hold U.S. citizenship. They accounted for 29% of all federal offenders in 2007.[12]
4. From FY2005 to FY2008 there were 7,538 Operation Predator arrests of sexual offenders. 5,964 of these were not US citizens and 4,143 of them were deported. [13]

## **Medical Crisis**

1. Illegals enter our country with absolutely no medical screening for communicable diseases that pose severe public health threats. [14]
2. In the U.S., cases of Leprosy rose drastically, from 900 documented cases in 40 years to 7,000 cases in 3 years. Most of these new cases are illegal immigrants. [15]
3. Chagas disease, for which no cure exists, kills 50,000 people annually in Latin America. Americans are now at risk for this disease from blood transfusions and organ transplants. [16]
4. Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis is being imported through illegal aliens and can kill 60% of its victims. Each illegal infected with MDR-TB can infect 10 to 30 people. [16]

## **Environmental Crisis**

1. Illegal aliens trespassing on private ranches cut and damage fences, endangering livestock and causing financial loss to ranchers. They destroy water sources, etch damaging trails, and leave vast amounts of garbage and human waste in their wake.[17]
2. An estimated 2,000 tons of trash is discarded annually in Arizona's borderlands. The environmental impact caused by illegal immigration, and the trash left behind, is increasingly being found in areas that are fragile and remote.[18]
3. As the illegal immigrant population grows unchecked, it will increasingly tax environmental resources and conditions within United States cities will continue to deteriorate. [19]

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