

## **Studies Show Immigration Reform Could Give a Boost to the Economy**

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Add to the immigration debate following yesterday's White House meetings a few recently published studies that could prove to be useful in pushing for comprehensive immigration reform.

One study shows that comprehensive immigration reform could add \$1.5 trillion to the country's GDP over the next 10 years by increasing consumption and investment. Comprehensive immigration reform, here, is defined as a plan that "creates a pathway to legal status for unauthorized immigrants in the United States and establishes flexible limits on permanent and temporary immigration that respond to changes in U.S. labor demand in the future." According to this Center for American Progress and Immigration Policy Center study, comprehensive reform would also boost wages for both native-born and newly legalized immigrant workers.

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