

The Fiscal Fallout of State Immigration Laws

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Time Magazine uses [IPC numbers](#) [1] to explain why harsh state immigration laws are bad for the economy:

Political motivation aside, Arizona's law was viewed as an attempt to deport the state to economic prosperity. But SB 1070 only worsened Arizona's fiscal woes, according to several studies. In the few months after its passage, Arizona's economy lost \$141 million, including \$45 million in hotel and lodging cancellations and \$96 million in lost commercial revenue, according to a joint study by the Center for American Progress and the Immigration Policy Center. A drop in tourism also resulted in an estimated 2,761 jobs lost, resulting in \$253 million lost in economic output. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit blocked most of SB 1070's provisions. But if ever fully implemented, the study adds, the law would eliminate an estimated 580,000 jobs for immigrant and native-born Arizonians, shrinking the state's economy by \$48.8 billion. These figures don't include the \$1.9 million Arizona has spent to defend the state from lawsuits, which have forced Gov. Jan Brewer to establish a legal defense fund for contributions.

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