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Author's Note: The purpose of this paper is to briefly summarize and update data concerning illegal immigration from a variety of reputable sources. In this regard:

- Page 2 (Colorado Illegal Immigration Fact Sheet) briefly summarizes information for the State of Colorado
- Pages 3 and 4 (United States Illegal Immigration Fact Sheet) summarize information for the country as a whole
- Pages 5 and 6 (Other State and Local Government Illegal Immigration Fact Sheet) summarize information for a array of state and local governments
- Page 7 lists all sources of data utilized in this paper
- Page 8 provides calculation methodologies concerning the cost of illegal aliens on Colorado taxpayers
- Pages 9 through 16 (Summary of Illegal Immigration Data) provide a more complete listing of facts relating to illegal immigration, which is summarized by source
- Page 17 provides a critique of the Bell Policy Center's December 29, 2005 immigration paper

It should be emphasized that this document does not contain any original research, but instead serves to collect pertinent data on illegal immigration that may be relevant to those interested in policy issues surrounding this subject. In this regard, it is hoped that the information contained herein will be of use to all concerned who may have a need for updated illegal immigration information, without having to dissect the 27 sources utilized in preparing this report.

Colorado Illegal Immigration Fact Sheet (all figures are in 2006 dollars)

Data	Source
1. 1 out of every 21 Coloradans is an illegal alien.	22
2. There are at least 220,000 illegal aliens in Colorado.	3
3. Illegal aliens in Colorado result in a loss for U.S. natives of more than \$2.0 billion per year.	22
4. Illegal alien births in Colorado cost taxpayers \$43.4 million per year.	22
5. Illegal aliens on Colorado's Medicaid program cost Colorado taxpayers \$64.5 million per year.	22
6. Colorado school-age children with illegal immigrant mothers cost Colorado taxpayers \$899.3 million per year.	22
7. Incarcerating illegal immigrants in Colorado costs Colorado taxpayers \$61.7 million per year.	22
8. It costs Coloradans more than \$1 billion per year for illegal immigrant Medicaid, K-12 education, and incarceration.	22
9. It costs each of the 4.66 million Coloradans more than \$220 per year to pay for illegal immigrant Medicaid, K-12 education, and incarceration.	22
10. In Colorado, 28% of illegal aliens are below the poverty level, and 67% are in or near poverty (200% of the poverty threshold).	3
11. In Colorado, of all the illegal alien-headed households, 11% get food assistance, 12% are on Medicaid, 18% are using a major welfare program, 70% are without health insurance (152,000), and 61% of these illegals and their children are without health insurance (183,000).	3
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13. In Colorado, illegals account for 1/5 of all those uninsured.	3
14. In Colorado, illegals and their children account for 24% of all those uninsured.	3
15. In 2002, illegals accounted for 51% of births to immigrants in Colorado, and they also accounted for 12% of all births in Colorado.	5
16. 24% of all births in Denver in 2002 were to illegal alien mothers.	5
17. In the Denver-Boulder-Greeley metro area in 2002, 14.3% of all total births were to illegal alien mothers.	5
18. Other Colorado county data on births to illegal alien mothers are as follows: Adams-15.0%; Arapahoe-13.5%; Boulder-13.4%; El Paso-6.6%; Jefferson-5.1%; Larimer-5.0%; Pueblo-3.5%; and Weld-14.1%.	5
19. Colorado is one of only 5 states with the very highest percentage (48-54%) of the estimated unauthorized population as a percentage of the total foreign-born population.	6
20. Colorado is one of 15 states with more than 100% growth from 1990-2000 of the limited English proficient population.	11
21. Nine states including Colorado had increases of more than 100,000 in the number of illegals between 1990 and 2000.	12
22. Colorado had the 6 th highest percentage of illegals as a percentage of its total population.	12
23. For every person who moves here from another state, two arrive from other countries, many illegally.	1

United States Illegal Immigration Fact Sheet (all figures are in 2006 dollars)

Data	Source
1. There were a total of nearly 11 million illegal aliens in the U.S. as of March 2005, or 3.3% of the total national population.	3
2. The Pew Hispanic Center developed an estimate of 11.5 to 12 million for the unauthorized population as of March 2006.	26
3. The number of illegal immigrants in the United States may be as high as 20 million people, more than double the official 9 million people estimated by the Census Bureau.	27
4. Births to illegals now account now nearly one out of every 10 births in the U.S.	5
5. Illegal alien households cost U.S. taxpayers \$3,080 per family headed by an illegal alien, which equals \$11.7 billion per year.	10
6. Among the largest costs are Medicaid (\$2.8 billion); treatment for the uninsured (\$2.5 billion); food assistance programs such as food stamps, WIC, and free school lunches (\$2.1 billion); the federal prison and court systems \$1.8 billion); and federal aid to schools (\$1.6 billion).	10
7. The cost to taxpayers of paying for just the births to uninsured illegal alien mothers is \$1.9 billion per year.	5
8. The federal government spends \$250,000,000 each year reimbursing states for emergency health services furnished to illegal aliens.	2
9. The magnitude of the losses from immigration for U.S. natives may be quite large--\$89.45 billion dollars per year or 0.8 percent of the GDP.	14
10. Immigration (labor and capital together) is about as costly to the U.S. as all trade protection and two to three times as costly as business cycles.	14
11. The current fiscal burden - tax revenue minus expenditures - imposed on all levels of government by immigrant households is estimated to range from \$14.2 to \$28.4 billion.	18
12. Dr. Don Huddle found that 5.1 million illegal immigrants had a net cost of \$27.1 billion, with a projected 10 year net cost of \$380.98 billion. [Donald Huddle, <i>The Net National Cost of Immigration in 1993</i> (Washington: Carrying Capacity Network, 1994).]	19
13. The Center for Immigration Studies found that the net impact of post-1969 immigrants in 1992 was \$42.05 billion (in 2006 dollars).	19
14. The primary reason illegal households create a federal fiscal deficit is that their much lower levels of education result in low incomes and tax payments that are only 28% of other households.	10
15. A dropout creates a fiscal burden of \$115,000 during his lifetime, while a high school graduate creates a \$40,000 burden. An immigrant with more than a high school degree has a positive fiscal effect of \$135,500. Combining the fiscal burden and positive fiscal effects results in a \$3,872 fiscal burden for the average immigrant. (All #s are net present value, i.e., over a lifetime.)	18
16. Of the adult illegals over age 21, 61% have not completed high school, and 25% have only a high school degree.	3
17. Two thirds of illegal alien mothers lack a high school degree.	5
18. 32% of all illegal adults have less than a 9 th grade education.	6
19. In 2004, half of illegals had no federal income tax liability.	10
20. Illegal alien households pay less than 1/5 th as much in federal income taxes as compared to all other households.	10
21. Illegal alien households account for about 3.6% of the nation's total population, but they account for almost 1/5 th of those in federal prisons and courts.	10
22. In 2002, 17% of the federal prison population were illegals.	10
23. The average birth rate of illegal alien women was 3.1 children in 2002, or about 50% higher than the two children natives have on average.	4
24. If illegals are allowed to remain in the country, births alone will add some 4,000,000 people to the U.S. population over the next decade.	4

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Other State and Local Government Illegal Immigration Fact Sheet

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2. Texas, California, Arizona, Florida, New Jersey, New York, and Illinois spent an estimated \$624 million on Medicaid costs related to illegal immigrants.	13																																			
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13. The New York City school system requested \$25.8 billion in direct impact aid from the federal government to cover the additional cost of educating illegal alien children.	17																																			

14. Los Angeles County estimated that its net cost for 770,000 illegal aliens was \$410.65 million.	19
15. The Harris County Hospital District, located in Houston, is the third busiest public healthcare system in the nation. An estimated 23 percent of the district's patients are reported to be illegal immigrants, costing \$388 million over three years.	13
16. Southwest border county hospitals reported uncompensated care totaling nearly \$978 million per year. Almost \$223 million or about 25 percent of the uncompensated costs these hospitals incurred resulted from emergency medical treatment provided to illegal immigrants.	13
17. Southwest border county emergency medical services (EMS) providers incurred another \$15 million in uncompensated costs.	13
18. Southwest border county costs incurred for preventive, acute, extended or rehabilitative healthcare, non-emergency medical transportation, services delivered by a physician in a hospital's emergency department that are not paid by or through the hospital, and costs incurred by physicians attending an illegal immigrant in a medical emergency could be as high as \$118 million, in addition to the \$238 million discussed above.	13
19. Many southwest border county hospitals noted that they were having trouble recruiting and retaining physicians in their emergency departments because of liability issues related to the Emergency Medical and Treatment and Active Labor Act and the lack of reimbursement for services rendered to indigent patients including illegal immigrants.	13

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1	Data on the Cost of Illegal Aliens on Colorado Taxpayers			
3	Data		Source or Calculation	Cost in 2006 \$*
5	Colorado March 2005 illegal alien population	220,000	3	
7	Colorado July 2004 total population	4,601,821	23	
9	Percentage of Colorado population that's here illegally (1 in 21)	4.78%	B5/B7	
11	US March 2005 illegal alien population	9,690,000	3	
13	Colorado's share of the US illegal alien population	2.27%	B5/B11	
15	Total loss for US natives of illegal immigration per year in 1998	\$ 72,000,000,000	14	\$ 89,447,852,761
17	Colorado illegal alien loss for US natives of illegal immigration per year	\$ 1,634,674,923	B13*B15	\$ 2,030,807,803
19	Cost to US taxpayers for paying for just the births to illegals in 2002	\$ 1,700,000,000	5	\$ 1,913,563,091
21	Colorado cost for paying for just the births to illegals	\$ 38,596,491	B13*B19	\$ 43,445,189
23	Percent of Colorado illegal alien-headed households on Medicaid	12%	3	
25	Which translates to # of illegals on Medicaid	26,400	B23*B5	
27	FY '06 appropriated # of eligibles on Medicaid	426,430	21	
29	% of eligibles that are illegals	6.19%	B25/B27	
31	Total FY '06 State General Fund Medicaid appropriation	\$ 1,042,362,634	21	\$ 1,042,362,634
33	Amount of State General Funds spent on Medicaid for illegals	\$ 64,531,983	B31*B29	\$ 64,531,983
35	Number of school-age children in Colorado with immigrant mothers	161,000	3	
37	Total Colorado immigrant (foreign born) population	443,000	3	
39	Percentage of foreign born in Colorado whose parents were illegals	49.66%	B5/B37	
41	Estimated # of school-age children in Colorado with illegal immigrant mothers	79,955	B39*B35	
43	Colorado school district average cost per student in FY 2004	\$ 10,492	8	\$ 11,247
45	Annual cost of educating the children of illegal immigrants in Colorado	\$ 838,886,321	B43*B41	\$ 899,282,583
47	California incarceration rate of illegal aliens	0.99%	20	
49	Resulting estimated # of Colorado illegal aliens incarcerated	2,178	B47*B5	
51	Colorado cost per inmate in 2004	\$ 26,428	24	\$ 28,331
53	Annual cost of incarcerating illegal immigrants in Colorado	\$ 57,560,184	B51*B49	\$ 61,704,273
55	Total cost to Coloradans for illegal immigrant Medicaid, K-12 education, and incarceration	\$ 960,978,488	B53+ B45+ B33	\$ 1,025,518,839
57	U.S. Census Bureau Estimated 2006 Colorado population**	\$ 4,661,034	see below	
59	Cost per Coloradan for illegal immigrant Medicaid, K-12 education, and incarceration	\$ 206	B55/B57	\$ 220.02
61	*The cost in 2006 dollars is calculated in each case by using the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis web site: http://minneapolisfed.org/Research/data/us/calc/			
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18. Estimated federal taxes paid by illegal alien households in 2002 were as follows:

Data Parameter	Illegal Headed	All Other
Income tax	\$1,371	\$7,103
Social Security	\$1,687	\$4,310
Medicare	\$446	\$1,227
Unemployment	\$83	\$227
Corporate income tax	\$84	\$1,230
Excise and other taxes	\$541	\$1,002
Total Tax Payments	\$4,212	\$15,099

19. Estimates of annual federal costs by household head in 2002 were as follows:

Data Parameter	Illegals	Non-Illegals
Social Security (including RR Retirement)	\$ 90	\$ 3,241
SSI	34	281
TANF cash payments	6	54
Cash assistance to low-income veterans	0	26
Food stamps	162	175
Medicaid and SCHIP	658	1,232
Energy assistance	8	15
Earned income tax credit	109	228
Higher education assistance	34	103
Unemployment compensation	234	434
Federal workers compensation	0	30
Medicare Part A	125	1,186
Medicare Part B (net costs)	74	700
Additional child tax credit	57	40
WIC	131	32
Child care subsidies including TANF	42	65
Free school breakfast/lunch	206	59
Stafford student loan	7	62
Low income veterans health care	0	68
Means-tested programs for children of migrants	29	3
INS net costs	345	25
Federal funding for public education	315	226
Federal funding for English language acquisition	28	4
Medical care for the uninsured	591	123
Public housing programs	40	75
Rent subsidy programs	86	164
TANF social services	6	37
Federal prison and court systems	415	64
Means-tested programs for refugees	0	3
Defense and veterans programs	0	3,231
All other services	3,115	3,115
Rounding	2	0
Total Costs	\$ 6,949	\$ 15,101

20. Comparing item #s 18 and 19 above results in net costs to the federal gov't:

Taxes minus costs (with rounding)	\$ (2,736)	\$ (1)
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<p>21. In summary, the primary reason illegal households create a federal fiscal deficit is that their much lower levels of education result in low incomes and tax payments that are only 28% that of other households. Thus, even though the costs they impose are estimated to be only 46% of those of other households on average, there remains a significant net deficit.</p> <p>22. In 2002, 17% of the federal prison population were illegals.</p>																																					
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<p>state's 550,000 illegal immigrants.</p> <p>49. A 1994 study by the Urban Institute, entitled "Fiscal Impacts of Undocumented Aliens: Selected Estimates for the Seven States," was the federal government's first attempt to estimate the Medicaid, education, and corrections costs imposed on states through illegal immigration. The study focused on fiscal impacts in seven states including Texas, California, Arizona, Florida, New Jersey, New York, and Illinois. The study concluded that these seven states spent an estimated \$422 million on Medicaid costs related to illegal immigrants.</p> <p>50. According to Arizona Health Futures, Arizona's State Emergency Services program served 227 immigrants in FY 2000-01 at a state cost of \$18.5 million.</p> <p>51. According to Arizona Health Futures, in FY 2000-01, the federal government paid Arizona \$7.99 million for emergency services provided to 7,705 immigrants.</p> <p>52. The Harris County Hospital District, located in Houston, is the third busiest public healthcare system in the nation. An estimated 23 percent of the district's patients are reported to be illegal immigrants, costing \$330 million over the past three years.</p> <p>53. Many hospitals noted that they were having trouble recruiting and retaining physicians in their emergency departments because of liability issues related to the Emergency Medical and Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) and the lack of reimbursement for services rendered to indigent patients including illegal immigrants.</p>	
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<p>55. "... one-third of all foreign-born Colorado residents are here illegally, and for every person who moves here from another state, two arrive from other countries, many illegally."</p>	<p>Bill Owens, State of the State Address, January 12, 2006.</p>
<p>56. Students who are residents of a Colorado school district may not be denied admission to the public schools based on their lawful or unlawful immigration status.</p>	<p>Colorado Department of Education.</p>
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72.	A 1993 study prepared for the California State Senate Special Committee on Border Affairs found that 220,000 illegal aliens in San Diego County had a net cost of \$244.3 million. Generalizing these finding to the entire state resulted in a net cost to state and all county governments in 1992 of \$5 billion.				
73.	Dr. Don Huddle, in his 1994 updated study estimating costs for 1993 found that 5.1 million illegal immigrants had a net cost of \$19.34 billion, with a projected 10 year net cost of \$271.86 billion. [Donald Huddle, <i>The Net National Cost of Immigration in 1993</i> (Washington: Carrying Capacity Network, 1994).]				
74.	The Center for Immigration Studies found that 633,000 workers were displaced in 1992 by post-1969 illegal immigrants, using a base population of 4.1 million illegal immigrants.				
75.	The Center for Immigration Studies found that the net impact of post-1969 immigrants in 1992 was \$29.136 billion.				
76.	Arizona incarcerated 950 illegal aliens in March 1994 out of an estimated 1992 illegal alien population of 53,000. (This equals an incarceration rate of 1.79%.)				Rebecca L. Clark, Jeffrey S. Passel, Wendy Zimmermann, Michael E. Fix, Fiscal Impacts of Undocumented Aliens - Selected Estimates for Seven States, The Urban Institute, Washington, D.C., September 1994.
77.	California incarcerated 15,109 illegal aliens in March 1994 out of an estimated 1992 illegal alien population of 1,528,000. (This equals an incarceration rate of 0.99%.)				
78.	The estimated total current expenditures for providing public education to illegal aliens across the seven states (Arizona, California, Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, and Texas) for FY 1993 was \$3.1 billion.				
79.	The estimated total 1994 costs for incarcerating illegal aliens in state prisons for the seven states was \$474.2 million.				
80.	The average annual cost of incarcerating one inmate was \$26,248 in FY '04.			Colorado Department of Corrections Statistical Report - FY '04	
81.	Analysis of the March 2005 Current Population Survey shows that there were 11.1 million illegal aliens in the United States a year ago. Based on analysis of other data sources that offer indications of the pace of growth in the foreign-born population, the Center developed an estimate of 11.5 to 12 million for the illegal alien population as of March 2006.			Jeffrey S. Passel, The Size and Characteristics of the Unauthorized Migrant Population in the U.S. - Estimates Based on the March 2005 Current Population Survey, Pew Hispanic Center, Washington, D.C., March 7, 2006.	
82.	The number of illegal immigrants in the United States may be as high as 20			Robert Justich and	

million people, more than double the official 9 million people estimated by the Census Bureau.

Betty Ng, The Underground Labor Force is Rising to the Surface, Bear Stearns Asset Management, New York, NY, January 3, 2005.

What's Wrong With The Bell Policy Center's December 29, 2005 Immigration Paper

The Bell's paper seems to have been driven through an advocacy position, rather than representing anything vaguely resembling academic research. Here are some reasons why:

It relies almost exclusively on one very dated study. The Bell's paper stated the following: "The National Research Council conducted a thorough assessment of the economic impact of immigrants. *The New Americans* was published in 1997, followed by a companion report containing more detail in 1998. Although they are somewhat dated, the findings from this study are still considered relevant. This study considered all immigrants, both documented and undocumented. . . . Again, the National Research Council study serves as the most comprehensive to date assessing the fiscal balance for immigrants."

In this regard, two key points merit emphasis. First, the NRC study is very dated, especially in light of the fact that it was based on 1994 data. Given the changing demographics of immigration over the past decade, this represents a questionable choice by The Bell in that its paper bases its conclusion that immigration results in a positive fiscal balance for the country solely on this study. More importantly, numerous studies have been done since the NRC study providing far more up to date data that better reflects the current characteristics of immigration to the U.S.

Second, The Bell mistakenly used the NRC study for its paper dealing with arguments against a state constitutional amendment dealing with illegal immigration. Again, the NRC study's results were for all immigrants, both legal and illegal. As stated by Steven A. Camarota concerning his August 2004 study: "This report has focused on only the fiscal impact of illegal aliens at the federal level. It is almost certain that they also create a large fiscal deficit at the state and local levels. Thus, the results in this report only deal with part of the costs of illegal immigration. On the other hand, it must be remembered that this report says nothing about the overall fiscal impact of households headed by legal immigrants. The fact that unskilled immigrants who are legal residents impose large fiscal costs on federal coffers does not mean that legal immigrants overall are a drain on federal coffers." In other words, relying on the NRC study that deals with the economic impacts of all immigration in a discussion about illegal immigration is specious at best, and purposely misleading at worst.

This is demonstrated by the following quote from the NRC study: "In principle, these surveys cover illegal immigrants as well as legal immigrants and nonimmigrants (foreign students and foreign business travelers). To the extent that these are included in the CPS (the Current Population Survey), they distort the information about immigrants, particularly those who don't stay very long. The problem may not be trivial, since the number of nonimmigrants in the United States at any time is comparable to the annual inflow of immigrants. At shorter durations in the United States, our calculations could most accurately be said to apply to the foreign-born, rather than to immigrants per se. In practice, we do not know the coverage of illegal immigrants, but we suspect that it is incomplete. In our analysis we cannot distinguish between legal and illegal immigrants. Presumably, illegal immigrants both pay less in taxes and receive less in benefits than other immigrants do." As stated by Camarota, "By using Census Bureau data that include both illegals and legal, their fiscal analysis is really a combined estimate of the entire foreign-born population both legal and illegal." Failure by The Bell to acknowledge this key difference in what was being considered in all the various studies represents what would seem to be a purposeful error of omission.