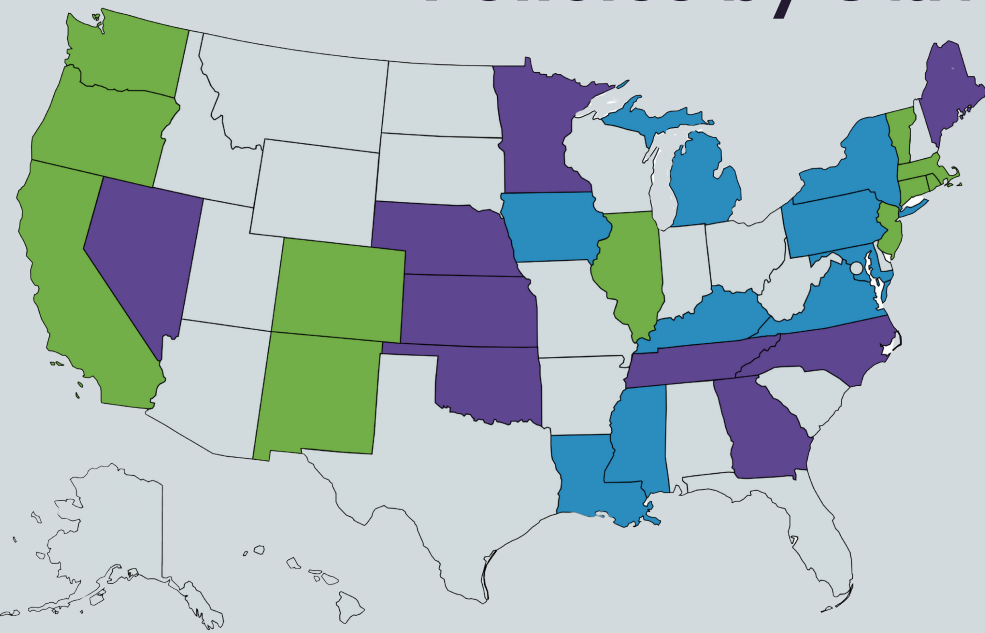


Sanctuary Cities:

Myth vs Reality

"Sanctuary cities" are municipalities that in some way limit cooperation with federal immigration enforcement like ICE

How Common are "Sanctuary City" Policies by State?

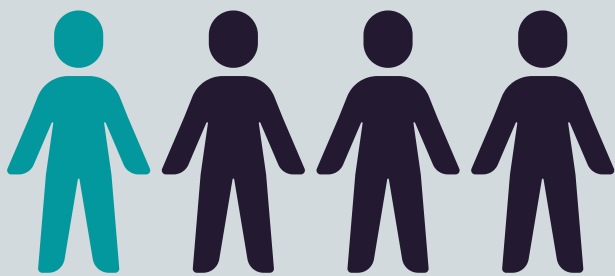


- States with statewide sanctuary policies
- States with cities and counties that have sanctuary policies
- States with counties that have sanctuary policies
- States without sanctuary policies

1

Myth:

"Sanctuary cities are dens of criminality and violence"



One in four Americans believe that immigrants are more likely to commit crimes than native-born Americans (that's a lot of Americans).

2

If sanctuary cities harbored or invited more criminals than other cities, shouldn't crime rates increase? In fact, the introduction of sanctuary policies is not statistically linked to increased crime.



The reality is that sanctuary policies help reduce crime by encouraging immigrants to report abuses suffered like wage theft or domestic abuse. Immigrants will also be more comfortable acting as witnesses in criminal investigations.

3

Increased rates of immigration are associated with a decrease in the overall crime rate.

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Research suggests that undocumented immigrants are less likely to commit crimes than native-born Americans!

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Myth:

"Sanctuary cities allow immigrants leech off of American citizens"

As of 2017 there were

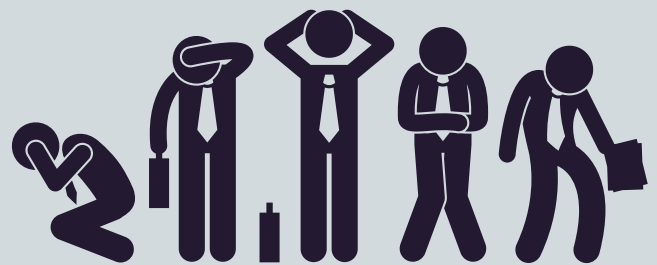
7,600,000



undocumented immigrants in the U.S. workforce

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Many Americans believe that these immigrants are negatively impacting their ability to get a job. 6



Increased deportations as a result of anti-sanctuary policies did not have any effect on the local employment of unskilled workers or on local job creation. 4

Instead of ruining job prospects, immigrants in fact contribute greatly to the economy

Many undocumented immigrants pay taxes on their income and on sales through programs like the Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).

7



The state of California, for example, estimated that undocumented immigrants contributed \$180 billion dollars to the state's economy in 2017 alone.

8

Texas has the second highest population of undocumented immigrants (after California) with about 1.6 million and collects \$2.4 billion in taxes from that group. Without these taxes Texas' economy would be devastated.

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Reality:

Undocumented immigrants deserve the same rights, protections, and services that other Americans have. They are peaceful and economically beneficial despite the beliefs of many Americans. Sanctuary policies ensure that these individuals are not punished for seeking an American life.





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