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Immigration

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Latino Community Report on Ohio's Global Diversity

[Click Here](#) for the Commission's Report on Ohio's global population, a history of immigration, and, other information on Ohio's immigrants.

Background

In the 1800s, America was experiencing a rise in immigration, and states were reacting by passing state immigration laws. However, the U.S. Supreme Court responded to the trend by declaring that immigration policy was a responsibility of the federal government alone. Thereafter, Congress passed its first restrictive immigration law. Today, immigration continues to be one of the most important political topics in the nation, as demonstrated by attention garnered from federal immigration reform proposals during 2006 and 2007 and currently. However, because of failed attempts by Congress to pass immigration reform, states are once again increasingly trying to put forth state legislation to fill the gaps.

Current Status in Ohio

There are a number of bills being proposed in the House and Senate attempting to address immigration. These include the following:

Prohibiting Undocumented Workers from Receiving BWC Benefits - Senate Bill 283
Employment Verification - House Bill 184 and House Bill 227
State and Local Immigration Enforcement Measures - Senate Bill 35 and 150

You can view more information about these bills by visiting the webpages in the Policy Resource Section of OCHLA's Reports Database and Library.

Current Status across United States

On December 15, 2009, Congressman Luis V. Gutierrez (D-IL) introduced legislation ([H.R.4321](#)) to reform our immigration laws. To date, the bill has 92 co-sponsors, all of them democrats.

In the U.S. Senate, Senators Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and Lindsey Graham (R-SC) have expressed their intentions to introduce a bill in the Senate, but to date, nothing has yet been introduced.

Ohio Reports and Resources

IMMIGRATION AND REFORM

- [Experts Release New Polling on Immigration in Moderate-Conservative States](#), Hannah News Service, 5/11/10.
- [Ohioans want immigrants to stay, poll says](#), Cincinnati Enquirer, 10/26/08.

ECONOMY

- [Immigrants and the Economy: Contribution of Immigrant Workers...](#)(Info on Cleveland and Cincinnati)
- [Cleveland attracts the world's best, just not enough of them](#), Plain Dealer, 11/30/09.

CIVIL RIGHTS

- [Norwalk, Plymouth police chiefs defend lawsuit about racial profiling](#), Norwalk Reflector, 3/4/10.

RESOLUTIONS

- [Cleveland](#)
- [Ohio Latino Affairs](#)
- [United States Council on](#)

- [Latino Affairs](#)
- [City of Fairfield Letter](#)
- [Columbus](#)
- [Toledo](#)

National and International Information

IMMIGRATION AND REFORM

- [Architecture for Immigration Reform](#) (University of Denver)
- [Making the Case for Comprehensive Immigration Reform](#) (AILA)
- [Navigating the Immigration Debate](#) (AILA)
- [Top Ten Resources of 2009](#) (IPC)
- [What Part of Legal Don't You Understand?](#) (Reason Magazine)

ECONOMIC

- [Costly In Every Way](#) (NELP)
- [Economic Impact of Immigrants in Minnesota](#) (University of Minn)
- [The Economics and Policy of Illegal Immigration in the United States](#) (Migration Policy Institute)
- [Fiscal Impact of Immigration: An Analysis of the Costs to 15 Federal Departments and Agencies](#) (Rubenstein)
- [Immigration Myths and Facts: Behind the Fallacies](#) (U.S. Chamber of Commerce)
- [Migrants and the Global Financial Crisis](#) (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace)
- [Old Promises and New Blood: How Immigration Reform Can Help America Prosper in the Face of Baby Boomer Retirement](#) (The Reform Institute)
- [Summary of State Studies on Fiscal Impacts of Immigrants](#) (NCSL)

CIVIL RIGHTS AND FAMILY

- [Facing Our Future: Children in the Aftermath of Immigration Enforcement](#) (Urban Institute)
- [Family Immigration: The Long Wait to Immigrate](#) (National Foundation for American Policy)
- [Severing a Lifeline: The Neglect of Citizen Children in America's Immigration Enforcement Policy](#) (Dorsey and Whitney LLP)

Interested Parties' Websites - Ohio

PRO

- [Ohio Action Circle](#)

CON

- [Grassroots Rally Team](#)

OTHER

Interested Parties' Websites - National

PRO

- [American Immigration Lawyers Association](#)
- [Church World Service](#)
- [Immigration Policy Center](#)
- [Immigration Works USA](#)
- [Justice for Immigrants](#)
- [Migration Policy Institute](#)
- [National Employment Law Project](#)
- [Progressive States Network](#)
- [Reform Immigration for America](#)

CON

- [Center for Immigration Studies](#)
- [Federation for American Immigration Reform](#)
- [NumbersUSA](#)
- [ProjectUSA](#)

OTHER

- [Procon.org](#) on Illegal Immigration

