

# Illegals Cost Tennessee Tax-Payers Half a Billion Dollars in 2013

Jerry Shaw writes in [An analysis by the Federation for American Immigration Reform](#) found that the burden on Tennessee taxpayers for illegal immigration was \$285 million in 2007. The figure for state and local expenditures jumped to \$547 million in Tennessee [An analysis by the Federation for American Immigration Reform](#) found that the burden on Tennessee taxpayers for illegal immigration was \$285 million in 2007. The figure for state and local expenditures jumped to \$547 million in Tennessee [the American Immigration Council reported](#). Legal status for illegal immigrants would pay the state about \$141 million in state and local taxes.

Unauthorized immigrants accounted for 2.2 percent of the state's population, or 140,000 people, and 3.1 percent of the state's workforce, or 95,000 workers, in 2010,