

IMMIGRATION QUIZ

How much do you know about immigration in the US and Iowa?



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1. Which are the top 3 countries of birth for the foreign born living in Iowa?
 - a. Mexico, Vietnam, India
 - b. Mexico, Germany, Laos
 - c. Mexico, Philippines, India
 - d. Mexico, Philippines, Canada
2. Within 10 years of arrival, which percentage of immigrants speaks English well?
 - a. 15%
 - b. 30%
 - c. 50%
 - d. 75%
3. What is the most common reason immigrants are given green cards?
 - a. Employment
 - b. Family Unification
 - c. Humanitarian reasons
 - d. Lottery
4. Most immigrants enter the US illegally?
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. What percentage of Iowa's total population is made up by immigrants?
 - a. 3.7%
 - b. 16.8%
 - c. 23.5%
 - d. 38.7%
6. On average, what percentage of prisoners in Iowa are undocumented immigrants?
 - a. 12%
 - b. More than 40%
 - c. Less than 2%
 - d. 27%
7. Which taxes do undocumented immigrants pay?
 - a. None
 - b. Sales and income
 - c. Sales, income and property
 - d. Sales, income, property, Social Security and Medicare
8. In Iowa, undocumented immigrants have access to all the same social benefits as US Citizens.
 - a. True
 - b. False
9. If all undocumented immigrants were removed from Iowa, which of the following would likely occur?
 - a. Iowa's gross state product would decrease by over \$600 million
 - b. Iowa would lose over \$1.4 billion in economic activity
 - c. Iowa would lose about 8, 819 jobs
 - d. All of the above.
10. Comprehensive immigration reform supports which policy changes?
 - a. Amnesty and open borders
 - b. An earned path to citizenship
 - c. Increased enforcement, including a "Papers, please" policy
 - d. Instate tuition for long-term residents of the US who entered the country as children without documentation

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Answer Key



1. **A is the correct answer.** According to the Migration Policy Institute and the US Census, the top three countries of birth for foreign born in Iowa as of 2008 are Mexico (28.8%), Vietnam (7.7%) and India (5.5%).
2. **D is the correct answer.** The American Immigration Lawyers Association reports that within 10 years of arrival, 75% of immigrants speak English well. These numbers increase dramatically with later generations and US born children of immigrants.
3. **B is the correct answer.** Green cards allotted for family unification are capped at 480,000 each year, representing about 3/4 of all new immigrants. Those for employment (140,000), humanitarian reasons (10,000) and the diversity lottery (55,000) have significantly lower annual allotments.
4. **B is the correct answer.** A 2010 report by the Pew Hispanic center found that about 28% of all immigrants are without documentation, a decline from 2007 when this population represented about 31%.
5. **A is the correct answer.** Foreign born (112,289) make up about 3.7% of Iowa's total population (3,002,557) according to 2008 estimates by Pew Hispanic Center.
6. **C is the correct answer.** According to the Iowa Policy Project, incarcerated undocumented immigrants comprise less than 2% of the total prison population in Iowa—which is proportionately fewer than the general population per capita. Average costs per year total around \$4.1 million.
7. **D is the correct answer.** Based on an average household income of \$27,400, unauthorized immigrants contribute between \$40 - 64 million in income, sales and excise, and property taxes to the state of Iowa each year. In addition, it is estimated that unauthorized immigrants and their employers contribute \$50 - 78 million in Social Security and Medicare each year.
8. **B is the correct answer.** In Iowa, unauthorized immigrants are only eligible for K-12 public education, emergency medical care, public assistance for immunizations, and some emergency relief programs. They are not eligible for Medicaid, Social Security benefits, or SCHIP.
9. **D is the correct answer.** In 2008 The Perryman Group estimated undocumented immigrants created 2.8 million jobs nationwide for Americans. This same organization projected losses of \$1.4 billion in economic activity, \$613.4 million in gross state product, and 8,819 jobs in Iowa if all undocumented workers were removed.
10. **B is the correct answer.** CIR calls for an earned path to citizenship, increased means for people to enter the US legally, and smart enforcement. Earned citizenship is not the same as amnesty. The DREAM Act supports in-state tuition for undocumented students.

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