

From the office of Assemblyman Paul Kanitra

Our new report on the size, scope and cost of illegal immigration in NJ is now out. We've found a state so hopelessly compromised that we've officially requested federal intervention from the DOJ, DHS and House Judiciary Committee.

A staggering 8.2B is being spent every single year on 737,000 illegal invaders in New Jersey. And it's costing each of you \$1,700 a year! If you rent, you can add another \$1,000 annually onto that figure from illegals driving up housing costs.

What's even crazier is this is all despite an overall drop in illegals due to deportations and self deportations!

We spent six months meticulously gathering data, submitting OPRA requests and crunching numbers. By pulling the actual affidavits illegals use to get driver's licenses, we not only were able to definitively prove over 100,000 are crowding our roadways... but for the first time we can map where they live by zip code.

The State and this Administration has lost its freaking mind. Some highlights from this criminal enterprise:

\$26,000,000 a year to help illegals fight their own deportations. Up 830% from 2018.

\$169,000,000 for healthcare costs for illegal minors. Up 417% since 2022.

\$1,280,000,000 for education of newly arrived illegals. Up 53% since 2019.

And for the bleeding hearts who can't think for themselves and mindlessly parrot the BS line that illegals pay for themselves with sales taxes.... We've crunched the numbers for you. It only makes up 16% of the overall drain they create for this state. So don't even try it.

The situation simply isn't sustainable. Schools are cutting teachers, sports and after school programs. First responders can't get cost of living increases. The average first time home buyer is in their 40's.

Every legal New Jerseyan's wallet has been emptied to pay for illegals. It's time to return all their money. It's time to send every single invader home.

View the full report here:

<https://www.njassemblygop.com/DocumentCenter/View/1800/Kanitra-2026-Report-on-the-Cost-of-Illegal-Aliens-to-New-Jerseyans>

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THE COST OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

\$8.19 BILLION

in taxpayer cost, in a single year

K-12 Education of Minors of an Illegal Alien ***	\$5,859,655,704
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Illegal Alien portion of Public Safety *	\$515,344,380
Illegal Alien portion of Gov't Admin. *	\$242,669,593
Cover All Kids – Medical for Alien Minors	\$169,000,000
Emergency Medical Services for Aliens **	\$71,993,346
Legal Services – Detention / Deportation	\$20,200,000
Food Security for Illegal Aliens	\$14,634,419
Legal Services – Unaccompanied Minors	\$7,500,000
Illegal Alien portion of Housing **	\$5,020,000
College Grants opened to Illegal Aliens	\$3,800,000

\$11,106

PER ILLEGAL ALIEN

\$1,748

PER NJ WORKER

\$2,335

PER NJ HOUSEHOLD

* 2025 figures, inflation adjusted

** 2024 figures, inflation adjusted

*** 2023 figures, inflation adjusted

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