

# BIDEN'S BORDER BLUNDER

President Biden and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas have abandoned our nation's border states in lieu of open border policies that have **cost the American taxpayer billions of their hard-earned dollars.**

From December 2020 under Trump to December 2023 under Biden there has been a **307 percent increase** in illegal immigration under President Biden.

To add insult to injury, President Biden's FY 2025 budget request proposes to **CUT \$400 million** of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) funding. **Less border funding means more skyrocketing immigration, forcing the American taxpayers and local governments to foot the bill for Biden's botched border policies.**

## THE FEDERAL COST OF IMMIGRATION

**Total Federal Spending: \$66,449,136,000**

Secretary Mayorkas has openly acknowledged to the American people that more **than 85 percent of migrants** illegally crossing our southern border are **RELEASED** into the country.

The Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) has **calculated** that the total cost to the taxpayer per illegal immigrant is **\$8,776 per year**. According to these calculations:

### SINCE BIDEN TOOK OFFICE:

**7.7 million** illegal migrants **stopped** at the Southwest U.S. Border

**8.3 million** illegal migrants **RELEASED** into the U.S.

*(6.5 million released by DHS + 1.8 million known goaways)*

**Cost to Taxpayers \$72.8 BILLION**

### LAST MONTH (March 2024):

**189,372** illegal migrants were **stopped** at the Southwest U.S. Border

**160,922** illegal migrants **RELEASED** into the U.S.

**Cost to Taxpayers: \$1.4 BILLION**

## THE LOCAL AND STATE COST OF IMMIGRATION

State and Local governments are experiencing a detrimental diversion of resources away from services—including emergency services—to address a massive influx of migrants. For border states, the picture is grim:

**Total State & Local Expenditures: \$115.6 billion**

<b>Cost of Illegal Migrants in Border States</b>					
<b>Border State</b>	<b>Est. Number of Illegal Aliens</b>	<b>Avg. Cost to Taxpayer per Illegal Alien</b>	<b>Education Costs</b>	<b>Police, Legal &amp; Corrections Cost</b>	<b>Total Cost FY2023</b>
TEXAS	2.2 million	\$4,466	\$10 billion	\$1.5 billion	\$13.4 billion
ARIZONA	453,000	\$5,230	\$1.36 billion	\$631.3 million	\$3.19 billion
NEW MEXICO	119,000	\$4,628	\$532 million	\$135.9 million	\$740.5 million
CALIFORNIA	3.2 million	\$7,074	\$19.5 billion	\$4.3 billion	\$30.9 billion

*According to FAIR's FY 2023 estimates*

Because of a lack of leadership from the Biden Administration, states have had to fill the void. The fiscal impact to house, feed, clothe, care for, and educate illegal immigrants is snowballing out of control.

The House Budget Committee's Fiscal Year 2025 concurrent [budget resolution](#) implements the policies in [H.R. 2](#), the *Secure the Border Act*. Chairman Jodey Arrington and the House Budget Committee will continue to push policies that challenge the status quo and restore fiscal responsibility back to Washington.

