

## Practice Areas

### BUSINESS

L-1 Visas

H-1B

H-1B Transfers

Visas

TN Visas (NAFTA)

Special Visas for Other Countries:

- Australia
- Chile / SingaporeE-1

E-1 Visas

E-2 Visas

PERM Labor Certification

### HOSPITALS /HEALTHCARE

H-1C Visas

H-1B Visas for Doctors

### FAMILY

Spouse / Fiancée Visas

Permanent Residence for Family  
within U.S.

Naturalization /Citizenship

### AMNESTY

## [The Truth About Immigrants and Taxes](#)

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Immigrant workers who are in the U.S. illegally pay more than \$11.2 billion a year in sales taxes, property taxes and even personal income taxes, according to a recent [Report of the Immigration Policy Center](#), which cites figures compiled by the Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy (the "ITEP").

The numbers were compiled based upon estimates of undocumented workers by the Pew Hispanic Center, as well as estimates of average family income and state-specific tax payments by the ITEP.

These workers paid more than \$8.4 billion in sales taxes alone, and they paid more than \$1.6 billion in personal and real property taxes.

Furthermore, the ITEP estimates that more than half of all families of undocumented workers are paying income taxes too. These families are also averaging nearly \$36,000 a year in income, according to the ITEP.

The report concludes that immigrant workers are adding value to the economy not only as workers and consumers, but as significant taxpayers as well.

Such economic considerations should only help Congress to find an eventual path to citizenship for people who are already contributing to the economy.

If and when a pathway to citizenship does become a reality, our office will be prepared to facilitate any related applications for conditional or permanent residency.

For more information about our immigration practice representing individuals and families seeking legal status, please visit the pertinent section of [our Website](#) or call our office at (847)564-0712.