

IMMIGRATION:

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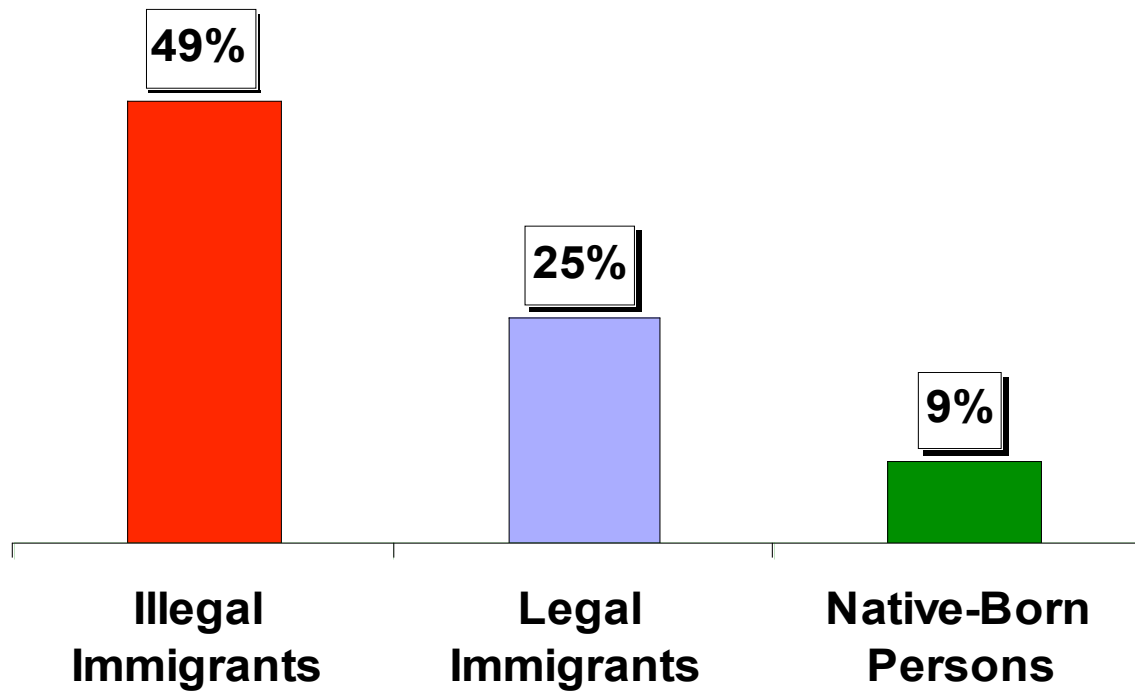
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Chart 1

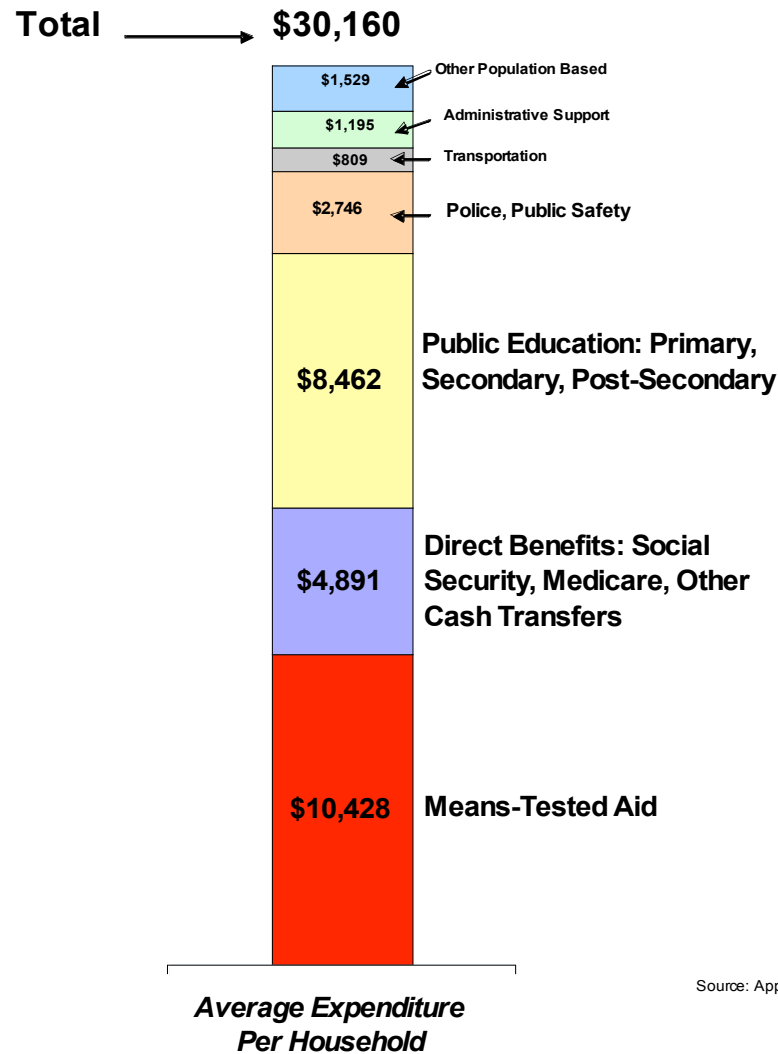
Percent of Adults Who Are High School Dropouts



Source: Pew Hispanic Center

Chart 2

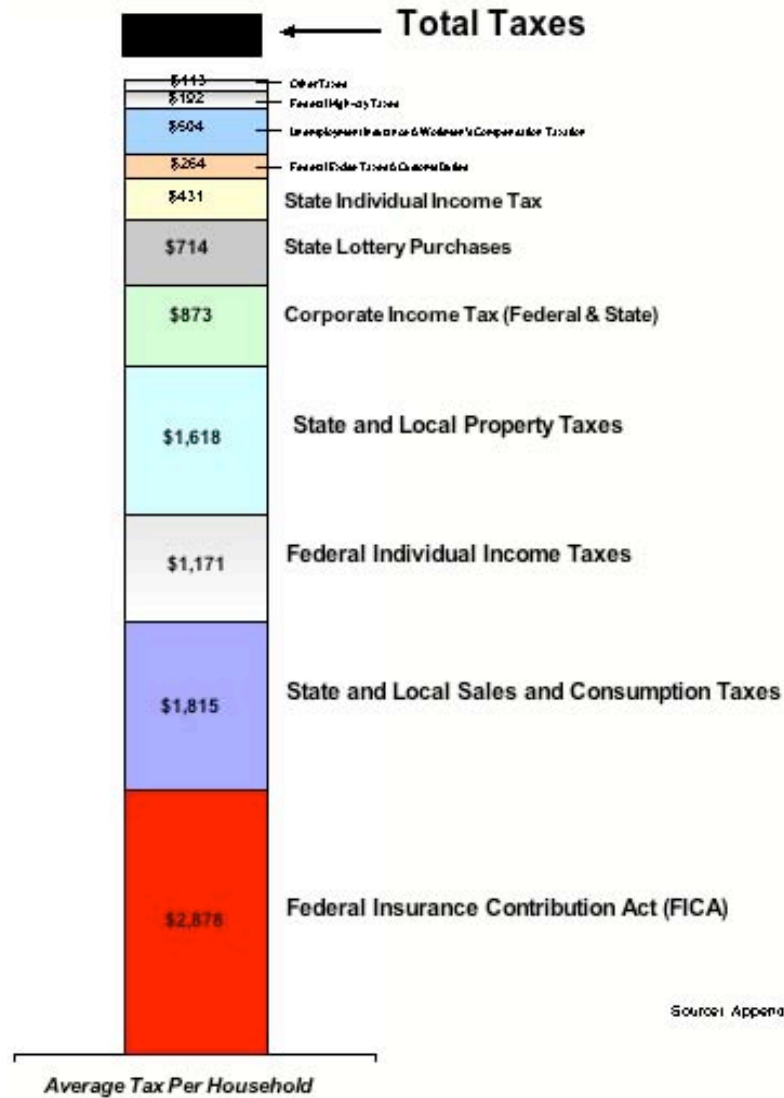
Government Expenditures for Immediate Benefits and Services for Households Headed by Immigrants Without A High School Diploma



Source: Appendix Table 4

Chart 3

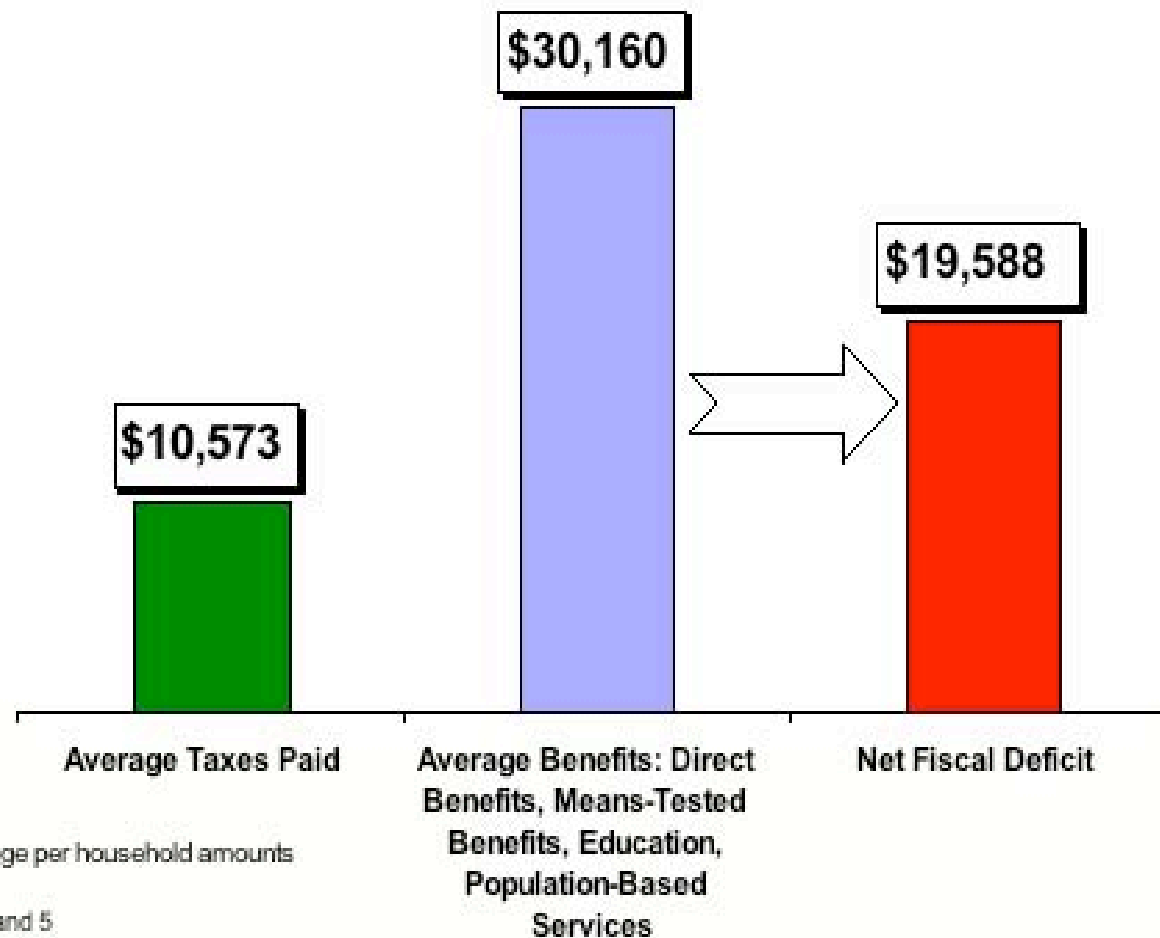
Taxes Paid by Households Headed by Immigrants Without at High School Diploma



Source: Appendix Table 5

Chart 5

Dropout Households Receive More Than Three Dollars in Benefits for Every Dollar Paid in Taxes



Note: Figures refer to average per household amounts

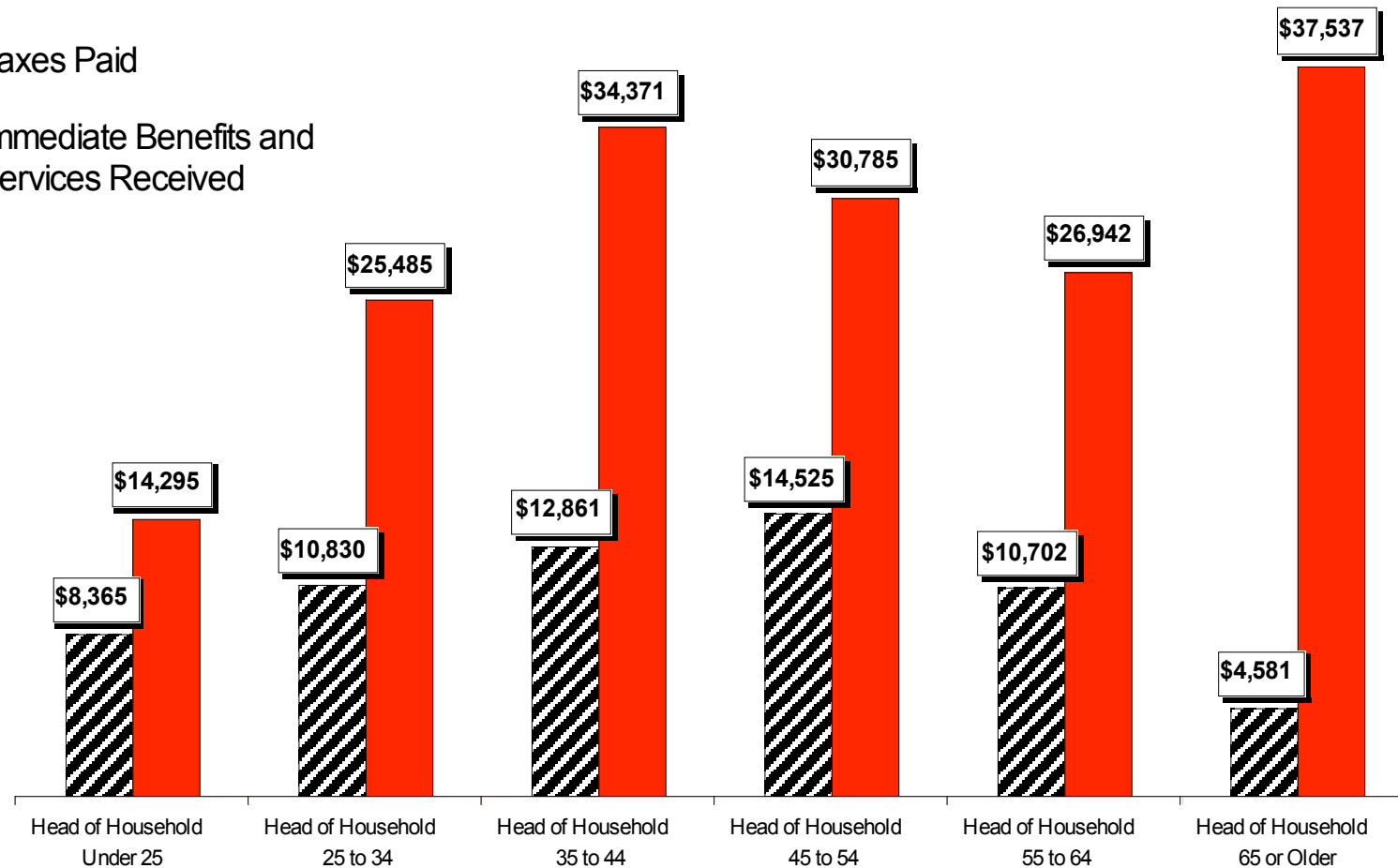
Source: Appendix Tables 4 and 5

Chart 6

Benefits Received and Taxes Paid by Low-Skill Immigrant Households by Age of Head of Household

▨ Taxes Paid

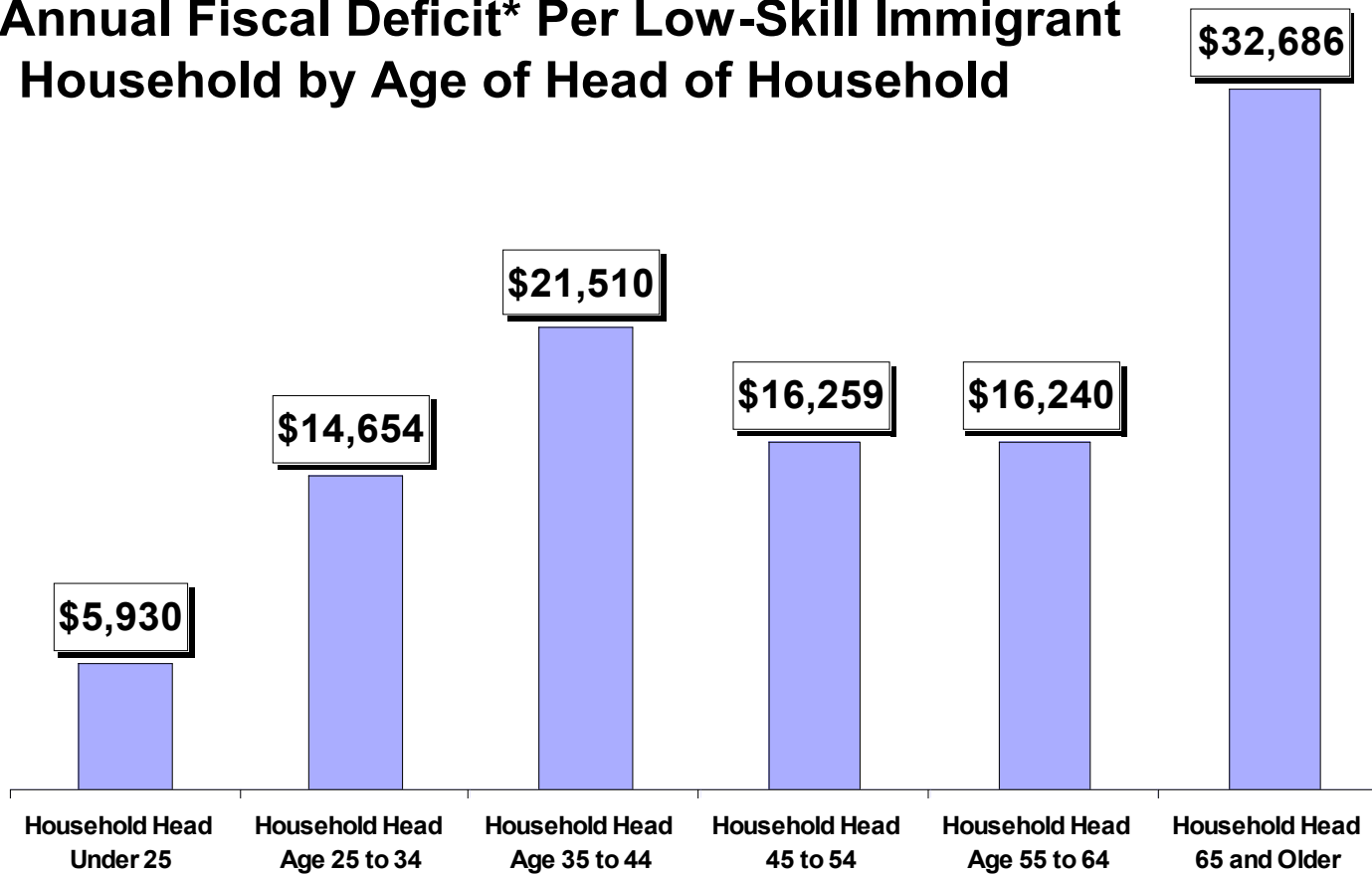
■ Immediate Benefits and Services Received



Note: Immediate Benefits include Direct and Means-Tested Benefits, Public Education, and Population-Based Services
Source: Appendix Table 6

Chart 7

Net Annual Fiscal Deficit* Per Low-Skill Immigrant Household by Age of Head of Household



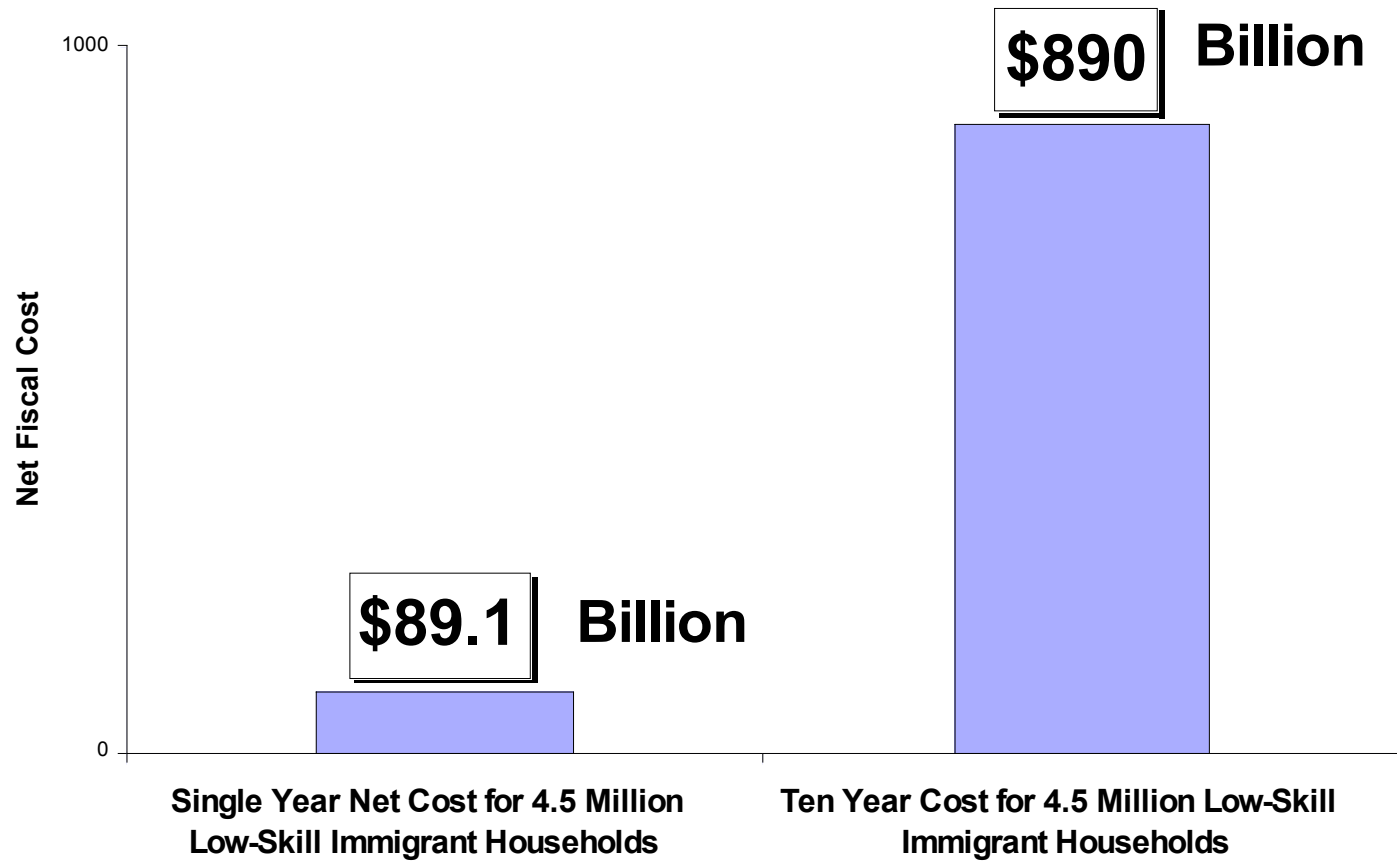
*Net Fiscal Deficit Equals Immediate Benefits and Services Received Minus Taxes Paid

Note: Immediate Benefits include Direct Benefits, Means-Tested Benefits, Public Education and Population-Based Services

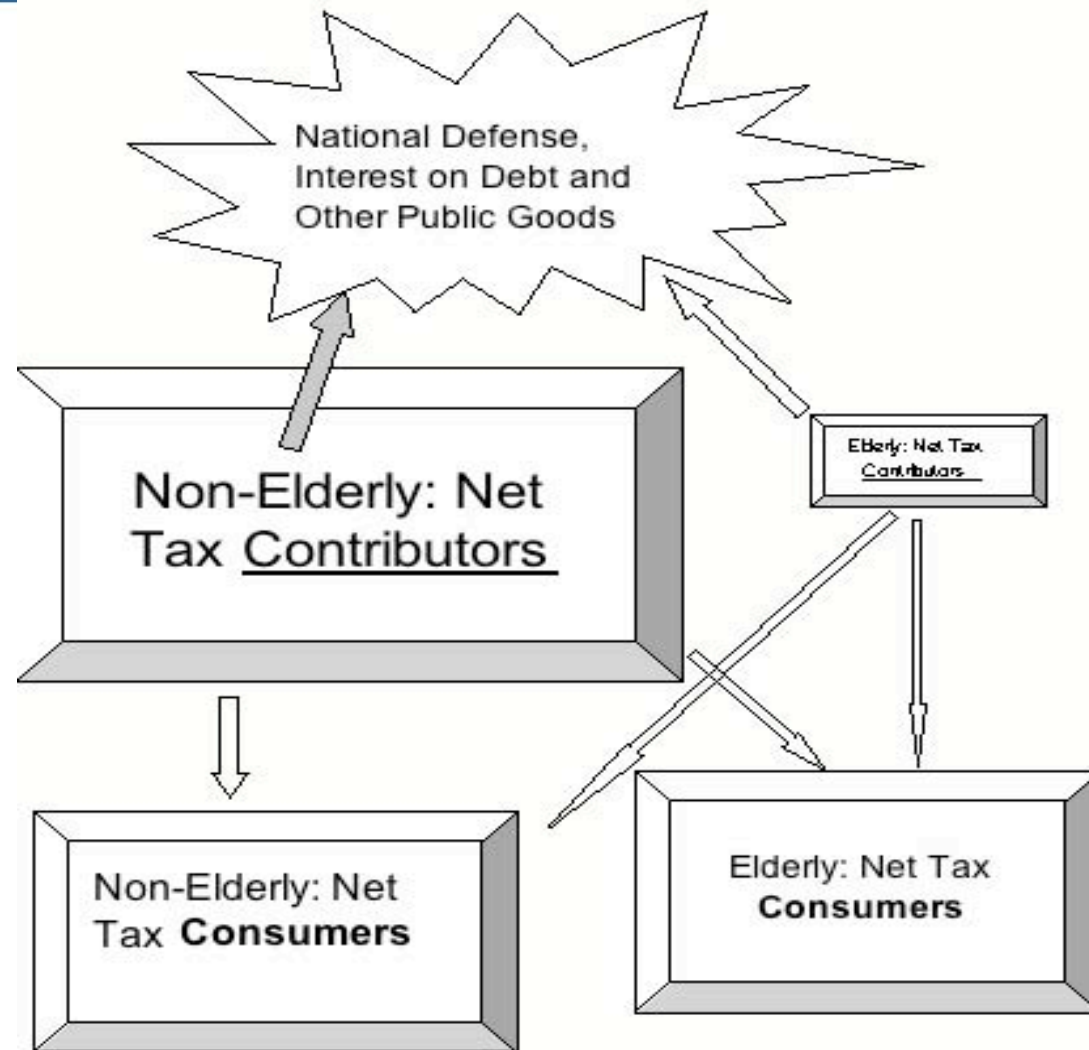
Source: Appendix Table 6

Chart 8

Net Fiscal Cost of All Low-Skill Immigrants to the Taxpayer



Note: Net Fiscal Cost equals the cost of Direct Benefits, Means-Tested Benefits, Public Education, and Population-Based Services received minus Taxes Paid



Note:  Means Net Tax Flow

\$17,000

Annual Net Cost to Government per
Elderly Low-Skill Immigrant

18 Years

Average Life Expectancy After
Retirement at Age 67

\$306,000

Net Governmental Costs of Low-Skill
Immigrants During Retirement (\$17,000
times 18 Years)

10 Million Adult Illegal Immigrants Given Amnesty

8.5 Million Adult Amnesty Recipients Reaching
Age 67

\$306,000 Net Governmental Costs per Elderly
Low-Skill Immigrant During 18 Years of
Retirement

\$2.6 Trillion Total Net Governmental Costs of All
Amnesty Recipients During
Retirement

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