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### **New Report: Undocumented Immigrants Pay Millions in State Taxes**

ALBUQUERQUE—A new report just released by New Mexico VOICES for Children tracks how much undocumented immigrants pay the state in gross receipts and property taxes. The report estimates that undocumented workers pay as much as \$69 million in taxes to the state of New Mexico.

The report also estimates how much undocumented immigrant children cost the state in K-12 educational services. The report concludes that undocumented immigrants pay between \$1.2 million and \$1.8 million MORE in taxes to the state than the state spends educating undocumented immigrant children.

The report, "Undocumented Immigrants in New Mexico: State Tax Contributions and Fiscal Concerns," is part of NM VOICES for Children's Fiscal Policy Project. The entire report is available on NM VOICES' website ([www.nmvoices.org](http://www.nmvoices.org)).

NM VOICES released the report at a press conference. Speakers also addressed other myths about the impact undocumented immigrants have on the state's economy.

Press Conference Speakers: Gerry Bradley, economist, report author and Research Director, NM VOICES  
Angelica Regino, Program Manager, Community Health Partnership  
Rachel LaZar, Director, El Centro de Igualdad y Derechos  
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