

Illegal immigrants = rent increases in cities

An increase in the number of illegal immigrants equal to 1 percent of an MSA's total population is linked with a **0.8 percent increase in rents** and a 0.8 percent increase in home prices found an Urban Institute study.

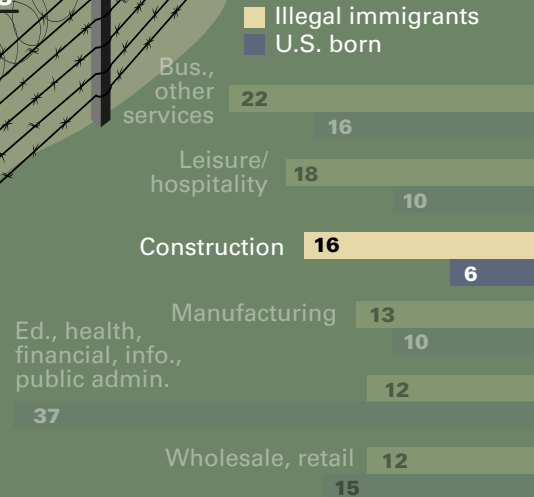
Illegal immigrants = bigger rent increases in urban rings

This same increase was associated with a **1.6 percent rise in rents** and a 9.6 percent rise in home prices in surrounding MSAs.

Consequences

As immigrants move into an MSA, natives tend to move to surrounding MSAs, indicating that the spillover effects may be driven by native-population reaction.

In what occupations do illegal immigrants work? (2014)



When illegal workers are deported, domestic labor only partially fills vacated construction jobs. An apparent complementarity between illegal and domestic labor leads to net job losses for U.S.-born workers. **Residential construction is highly sensitive to these declines in labor supply.** Such a reduction in homebuilding leads to higher home prices, with demand-driven declines in prices being small and highly transient.