

*Immigration Information Resource Guide*  
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An important consideration when researching immigration is whether the information is reliable. Below we list a few resources that we have used at Notre Dame:

***General:***

Overall, there are two good general sources of immigration data that are extremely reliable, the Migration Policy Institute, and the Pew Hispanic Center. These are at:

<http://www.migrationpolicy.org/>

<http://pewhispanic.org/>

***Catholic Social Teaching:***

A Pastoral Letter on migration from the Bishops of the U.S. and Mexico, *Strangers No Longer*, can be found on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) website:

<http://www.usccb.org/mrs/stranger.shtml>

The USCCBs campaign for comprehensive immigration reform can be found at:

<http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/>

***Economics:***

Although the Immigration Policy Center is part of the American Immigration Law Foundation, it does have a reputation for being pretty honest with the facts. You can find economic-based reports on their web site:

[http://www.ailf.org/ipc/ipc\\_index.asp](http://www.ailf.org/ipc/ipc_index.asp)

However, a good place to start is an article that does an excellent job of bringing together links to a variety of studies: *The Economic Impact Of Immigration* by Angela Kelley, the Director of the Immigration Policy Center. It can be found at:

<http://www.ilw.com/articles/2008,0107-kelley.shtm>

Of the studies cited, one from the President's Council of Economic Advisors:

[http://www.whitehouse.gov/cea/cea\\_immigration\\_062007.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/cea/cea_immigration_062007.pdf)

There is also an excellent article from the Council on Foreign Relations (as rabidly non-partisan as it gets), on *The Economic Logic of Illegal Immigration*:

<http://www.cfr.org/content/publications/attachments/ImmigrationCSR26.pdf>

If you like to balance things yourself, you can always go to the Center for Immigration Studies, which is a leading proponent for immigration restriction. Their version of Kelly's article can be found at:

<http://www.cis.org/articles/2004/fiscalexec.html>

***Fact Checking:***

A good site to get a quick check on the veracity of claims is Snopes, which deals with “urban legends:

<http://www.snopes.com/politics/immigration/immigration.asp>