

The Economic Impact of ICE in Your Town

Towns with prisons, when compared to those without, often demonstrate:

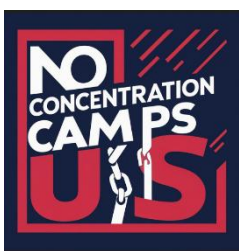
- Lower wages for residents
- Lower retail sales for businesses
- Slower housing growth
- A decline in property values near the facility

When prisons are opened in a community:

- Any jobs created tend to go to contractors
- Those contractors are already in the prison system
- These workers come from out of the area
- They take their salary with them and do not spend it in the community

The community suffers from opening a new prison by:

- Bearing the cost of infrastructure
- Seeing little-to-no financial benefit
- Being stigmatized as a “prison town”
- Seeing less economic investment as a result



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