

The Costs of Brain Waste among Highly Skilled Immigrants in Select States

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The Migration Policy Institute has produced a set of fact sheets examining the level of skill underutilization, including unemployment and underemployment—known collectively as “brain waste”—among highly skilled immigrants at the state level. The fact sheets explore the key factors underlying this brain waste, and estimate the annual earnings and state and local taxes lost as a result of low-skilled employment of highly skilled immigrants, in seven states: California, Florida, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, and Washington State.

The fact sheets accompany a national report on skill underutilization, [*Untapped Talent: The Costs of Brain Waste among Highly Skilled Immigrants in the United States*](#).

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