

Michigan Immigrants Fact Sheet

- Michigan's foreign-born were **more than three times as likely** as U.S.-born Michigan residents to **start a new business** between 1996 and 2007.¹
- **32.8 percent of all high-tech startups in the state between 1990 and 2005 had an immigrant founder**, ranking Michigan 3rd among the 50 states and making Michigan's foreign-born more than six times as likely to start a high-tech firm than U.S.-born residents.²
- The total economic value generated by Michigan's farm sector and its related industries was **\$6.69 billion** in 2006; **crops that use migrant labor account for almost 58% of the total economic activity**.³ Migrant farmworkers in Michigan are predominantly foreign-born.
- If all unauthorized immigrants were removed from Michigan, **the state would lose \$3.8 billion in economic activity, \$1.7 billion in gross state product, and approximately 20,339 jobs**, even accounting for adequate market adjustment time.⁴
- Arab American employment accounted for **\$7.7 billion in total earnings** in the four counties of the Detroit metropolitan area in southeast Michigan, **generating an estimated \$544 million in state tax revenue** in 2005.⁵ Arab American business and consumer spending **supported an estimated 141,541 jobs** in the four-county region in 2005.⁶
- Michigan's 21,589 **Asian-owned businesses had sales and receipts of \$7.7 billion and employed 66,293 people** in 2007.⁷
- The state's 10,770 **Latino-owned businesses had sales and receipts of \$3.9 billion and employed 18,508 people** in 2007.⁸
- The number of **children in Michigan with one or more foreign-born parent was 247,701** (11% of children under 18) in 2009.⁹
- In Michigan, **86.6% of children with immigrant parents** were considered "English proficient" as of 2009.¹⁰

¹ Tobocman, Steven. "Global Detroit: Full Report." The New Economy Initiative for Southeast Michigan, August 2010.

² Tobocman, "Global Detroit: Full Report."

³ Knudson, William "The Impact of Migrant Farmworkers on Michigan Agriculture." MSU Product Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources, July 2006, p. 4.

⁴ The Perryman Group. "An Essential Resource: An Analysis of the Economic Impact of Undocumented Workers on Business Activity in the US with Estimated Effects by State and by Industry." Americans for Immigration Reform, April 2008.

⁵ Center for Urban Studies. "Arab American Economic Contribution Study: Gauging the economic contributions that persons of Arab ancestry have on Southeast Michigan's Economy." Wayne State University, March 2007.

⁶ Center for Urban Studies, "Arab American Economic Contribution Study."

⁷ U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 Survey of Business Owners.

⁸ U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 Survey of Business Owners.

⁹ Migration Policy Institute Data Hub. Retrieved from <http://www.migrationinformation.org/datahub/state.cfm?ID=MI#4>

¹⁰ The Urban Institute, data from the Integrated Public Use Microdata Series datasets drawn from the 2005 - 2009 American Community Survey.