Michigan’s Move on Immigration

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International Students in Michigan

- Approximately 32,000 international students
- Economic contribution = $1.0 Billion
- 13,448 jobs supported by international students
- For every foreign born advanced degree grad, 2.6 US jobs are created.
- Nationally, foreign students increased 72% from 1999 to 2013 (large percentage from Asia)
Michigan’s Immigrant demographics

- Over 640,000 foreign born (approx. 6% of MI population)
- Over 30,000 immigrants in MI are self-employed
  - Generated over $600 million in business income in 2014
  - Over 150,000 individuals employed at immigrant-owned companies
- 33% of Michigan’s Fortune 500 companies founded by immigrants or their children
- Over 65% of MI foreign-born are working age compared to less than 52% of U.S.-born.
Immigration’s Role in Michigan

• Fill 257,410 STEM field jobs by 2018 (6% of all jobs in MI)

• Engineering
  • December 2013 Detroit area job fair featuring 3,000 open engineering positions saw only 276 applications

• Estimated 49,000 seasonal agricultural workers needed annually to sustain $100+ billion industry

• Health care profession shortage
  • Nurses to be short 18,300 by 2020
  • More than ¼ of physicians are 60 + years old
  • More than ½ medical school graduates leave Michigan
  • Approx 1 of every 3 doctors in MI is a foreign medical grad
Economic Impact of Immigrants in MI

- Immigrants are more than twice as likely to start a business as US-born.
- 28% of our 56,000 farms are immigrant-owned.
- 58% of Michigan’s economic activity is accounted for by crops harvested by migrant labor.
Economic Impact of Immigrants in MI (2014)

- Hispanic/Latino
  - $2.0 Billion in total income earned
  - $167.5 Million paid in state and local taxes

- Asian Pacific American
  - $7.6 Billion in total income earned
  - $574.9 Million paid in state and local taxes

- Middle Eastern and North African
  - $2.8 Billion in total income earned
  - $213.1 Million paid in state and local taxes
Suggested Resources

- Immigrant economic data in Michigan by U.S. Congressional District (www.maptheimpact.org)
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