

# Immigrant Fact Sheet

## Immigrants Create & Preserve Jobs



- Immigrants are 2x more likely to start a small business and job growth is driven by small businesses (Kauffman, 2013)
- Immigrants are less than 4% of the state population yet own more than 5% of Ohio businesses (Partnership for a New American Economy [PNAE], 2012)

## Immigrants Drive Population Growth



People want diverse, inclusive, and connected communities, especially young people (Pew Research Center, 2008)

From 2000 to 2010, Toledo Metro Area's immigrant population increased more than 21%, whereas the overall area's population declined by 1% (Chicago Council on Global Affairs, 2014)

## Immigrants are Innovators and Entrepreneurs



### 400 Businesses

Somali immigrants in Columbus, Ohio own more than 400 small businesses (SomaliCAN, 2009)

- 50% of Silicon Valley company founders are immigrants (America's New Immigrant Entrepreneurs, 2012)



Immigrants are 2x more likely to file a patent

- 20% of engineering and technology companies in Ohio have immigrant founders (Kauffman, 2012)



## Immigrants Revitalize Neighborhoods



### 250 Homes

Immigrants buy homes:

From 2000 to 2010, the refugee community in the Cleveland area purchased 250 homes (ChmurraEconomics&Analytics, 2013)

Examples:

Mexican Town in Southwest Detroit, Old North Dayton with Ahiska Turks Columbus with Ethiopian & Somali markets and businesses

## Immigrants Contribute to State and Local Economies

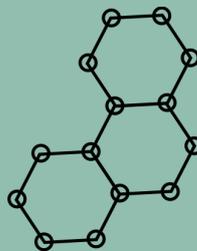
### \$ 1.3 Billion

From 2006 to 2010, immigrant-owned businesses in Ohio generated \$1.3 billion in annual business revenue (PNAE, 2012)

### \$ 94 Million

From 2008 to 2012, over 3,600 international students in the Toledo area contributed over \$94 million in tuition and living expenses to the local economy (Brookings, 2014)

## Immigrants are Highly Educated



Immigrants and international students are 3x more likely to major in STEM degrees (Brookings, 2014)



Over 1/2 of Toledo international students are studying for graduate degrees (Brookings, 2014)

### 40% OF OHIO IMMIGRANTS ARE HIGHLY EDUCATED

20% have bachelor's degrees.  
20% have graduate degrees (Migration Policy Institute, 2012)