



Key message points

- A. Immigrants revitalize cities.
- B. The Midwest has unique and untapped immigrant talent.
- C. African Americans benefit from immigrants.
- D. Immigrant economic development efforts need to benefit African Americans and incumbent communities.
- E. While Washington is gridlocked around immigration, the Midwest and local communities are moving forward.
- F. The fact that immigrants are younger than U.S. born, is a significant opportunity for the aging population of the Midwest.
- G. Immigrant economic development is critical for retaining young talent.
- H. Immigrant economic development is a proactive and innovative approach to “integration.”
- I. Immigrant economic development is an emerging field.
- J. Immigrant economic development brings new energy and new players to the table in a way that integration work alone simply cannot.
- K. Internationalize the Midwest.
- L. Create an inclusive and vibrant Midwestern economy.
- M. Innovating solutions to unlock immigrant potential.
- N. Immigrants don’t take jobs, they create them.
- O. Immigrants don’t compete with American labor; they compliment it.
- P. Immigration as an economic catalyst.
- Q. Current regional movement to change the conversation around immigration.
- R. WE Global Network is a connector.