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How Do Immigrants Impact The Economy?

ANALYZING DATA FROM ALL 50 STATES BETWEEN 2008 AND 2023, WE FOUND IMMIGRANTS CONTRIBUTE *POSITIVELY* TO THE ECONOMY

1.5% National average increase in private-sector GDP from a 1% population increase made entirely of immigrants

However, the size of this gain varies by state

SEVERAL FACTORS SHAPE THE RESULTS IN EACH STATE

Existing immigrant population

States with smaller immigrant populations see substantially larger GDP gains than immigrant-heavy states.

Economic freedom

States with greater economic freedom experience larger impacts from immigration than states with lower economic freedom.

OVERALL

Immigrants increase prosperity for everyone by complementing domestic workers

And those gains are largest in states with smaller immigrant populations and greater economic freedom

The places immigrants settle and the conditions they encounter there can shape different economic outcomes for immigrants and citizens alike.

"The Immigration Equation: A 50-State Analysis of Immigrants' Impact on U.S. Private-Sector GDP"
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