

ECON QUIZ

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Last week's Econ Quiz pointed out that high rates of migration to a region are linked to higher rates of entrepreneurial activity in that region. Researchers have also noted that immigrants to the U.S. from other countries start businesses at higher rates than those born in the United States.

Only 4.8 percent of all Wisconsin residents are immigrants, as compared to 13.2 percent of all U.S. residents. Wisconsin counties vary greatly in the proportion of residents who are immigrants. Iron County has one of the lowest proportion of residents who are immigrants (0.01 percent), both Dane County (8.3 percent) and Milwaukee County (11.3 percent) have the highest proportion of residents who are immigrants for our state.

Even though immigrants only account for 13.2 percent of U.S. residents, they account for a much higher proportion of entrepreneurs.

What percent of entrepreneurs are immigrants?

- a) 15.3%
- b) 28.4%
- c) 27.5%
- d) 38.7%

Answer: C. About 27.5 percent of entrepreneurs are immigrants to the United States. For more information on population dynamics and entrepreneurship in Wisconsin see <https://tinyurl.com/UWEX-InMigration>

Sources: Deller, Steven; Kures, Matthew & Conroy, Tessa. (2017). Wisconsin Entrepreneurship and Population Dynamics. WIndicators 1(3). Via <https://tinyurl.com/UWEX-InMigration>

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