

## **Immigrant-owned businesses on rise**

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Whether out of necessity or the desire to carve out their versions of the American Dream, more immigrants to the U.S. are opting to launch new **businesses** rather than work for existing companies. In fact, studies suggest that in 2010, foreign-born entrepreneurs were twice as likely to start their own **businesses** than their American-born counterparts. Although ranking behind gateway states such as Florida and California, Georgia is experiencing a **rising** trend of **immigrant-owned** companies. A study shows Georgia had the fifth-highest rate of **immigrant-owned** startups by 2007, the latest data available.

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