

# Center for Migration Research Lecture

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## **Assessing the Integration Outcomes of the African-Born Population in the United States**

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African immigration to the United States has grown tremendously over the past three and half decades. Official data shows that the African-born population grew from just 129,900 in 1980 to more than 2 million in 2015. Today, Africans account for 4.8 per cent of the country's 43 million immigrants. However, despite this growth the integration outcomes of the African-born population in the U.S. are largely not known. This paper uses data from the U.S. Census Bureau's decennial censuses and American Community Survey to generate a profile of the African-born population in the U.S. which is then compared with the foreign-born and the total U.S. population. It also uses two case studies (Nigeria and Somalia) to demonstrate the impact of class of entry on the integration outcomes of immigrants in the United States. This exploratory research raises significant questions on the settlement and integration of African-born immigrants in the U.S., which will be pursued in future research.