The Changing Face of America
Share of immigrants worldwide

U.S. is world’s leading destination for immigrants.

- **40.4 million** or **19.8%** of world’s immigrants

13% of total population

This is not the highest immigrant share of population in U.S. history. It peaked at 14.7% in 1910 then dropped to 4.7% in 1970.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2011, American Community Survey 2011
Recent immigrants less likely to be from Mexico (<20%).

Fastest-growing immigrant group is Asian:
- from China (8.6%) and India (7.7%)

Geographic distribution 1880

Geographic distribution 1900

Geographic distribution 1920

Geographic distribution 1940

Geographic distribution 1970

Geographic distribution 1980

Geographic distribution 1990

Geographic distribution 2000

Ethnic population in selected states

Source: Pew Hispanic Trend Project,
60% of U.S. immigrants live in just five states

Fastest-growing states for immigrants

1. Tennessee
   - 304,000 immigrants
   - 90% growth

2. South Carolina
   - 222,000 immigrants
   - 88% growth

3. Kentucky
   - 143,000 immigrants
   - 82% growth

4. Alabama
   - 162,000 immigrants
   - 82% growth

5. Mississippi
   - 68,000 immigrants
   - 74% growth

Labor in U.S.

- Immigrants make up 15.9% of the labor force, more than their share of population.
- More than 70% of immigrants are between 25 and 64 compared to 50% of natives.

Immigrants more likely than native-born to be self-employed. In 2010, immigrants owned 18% of all small businesses.

- Share of pop.: 12.9%
- Share of labor force: 15.9%

Entrepreneurship in U.S.

28% of U.S. small businesses started in 2011 were founded by immigrants.

Entrepreneurship in U.S.

Immigrant-Founded Companies

Google, Intel, Levi's, AT&T, Pfizer, Budweiser, LinkedIn, Sun Microsystems, DuPont, P&G, Procter & Gamble, YouTube, Garmin, Carnival, eBay, PayPal, NVIDIA, Dow, USS, United States Steel

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Neighborhood Revitalization

- Revitalize blighted neighborhoods
- Create or preserve jobs, including in manufacturing
- Promote an increase in housing wealth
- Provide diversity of goods and services
- Expand beyond initial niches
- Attract new customers into area
- Enhance public safety
Immigrants start more than one-quarter of businesses in high-growth sectors, including:

- Health Care and Social Assistance: 28.7%
- Leisure and Hospitality: 23.9%
- Retail Trade: 29.1%
- Construction: 31.8%
Innovation, U.S.

NUMBER OF PATENTS AT AMERICA’S
TOP 10 PATENT-PRODUCING UNIVERSITIES

- UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA: 76%
- STANFORD: 72%
- MIT: 71%
- UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN: 73%
- UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS: 80%
- CALTECH: 74%
- UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN: 90%
- UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS: 65%
- CORNELL: 88%
- GEORGIA TECH: 76%

At least one foreign inventor
Only American Inventors

Recent immigrants more likely than natives to have bachelor’s or advanced degree.

College attainment among immigrants increased 50% to 39%, 2000-11.

With more education, immigrants become a net benefit to government budgets.

Source: Smith and Edmonston, 1997
Immigrant students in the U.S.

### National School Enrollment by Nativity (in thousands)

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<td>Native-born</td>
<td>93% (77,380)</td>
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<td>Foreign-born</td>
<td>7% (5,752)</td>
<td>2% (78)</td>
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<td>3% (482)</td>
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ELLs in the U.S.

- **5.3 million**
  - ELL students in pre-K-12 in public schools, 2010
- **60%**
  - ELL enrollment growth, 1996-2006
- **15%**
  - Growth of K–12 students with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), 2002-06
- **18%**
  - Children of immigrants aged 5+ who are ELLs
  - More than 50% of children of immigrants have ELL parents
Latino students in the U.S.

- Latino students:
  - Make up 20% K-12
  - Making gains in NAEP math and reading test scores but gap with White students remains unchanged
  - Have lowest enrollment in preschool and lowest school readiness skills
  - Are 2.5x as likely as White student to drop out of high school, 2x as likely as Black students
  - Have highest share of adults with less than a high school diploma

- However:
  - 49% of Latino high school graduates were enrolled in college, compared to 47% white non-Hispanic graduates, 2011
  - The number of 18-24 Latinos enrolled in college increased by 324,000 students between 2011 and 2012
  - 25% of all public school students are now Latino
Immigrant success in U.S. schools

- Immigrants who came to U.S. before teen years do better in academics and school engagement than native-born.

- Latino immigrant children do as well as Asians provided they have similar socio-economic/family backgrounds.

- 1.5-generation immigrants (brought as children) do better than second- and third-generation children on educational, social and behavioral outcomes.

- Foreign-born immigrant children do better in STEM fields like math and science.
The next generation

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