

# Immigrants, Refugees

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## and Religion

Latest Data, Research and Polls

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PAPIST IMMIGRANTS ARE WRECKING OUR ECONOMY WITH THEIR FECUNDITY! WE MUST ERECT A WALL OF BRASS AROUND THE COUNTRY FOR THE EXCLUSION OF CATHOLICS!

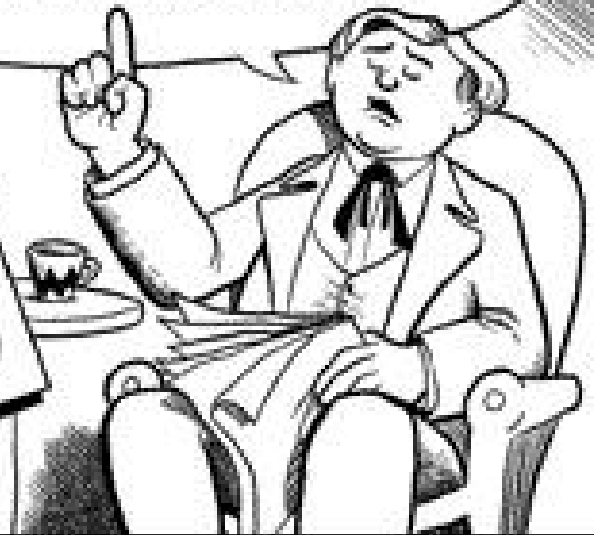
1780



(“WALL OF BRASS...” IS QUOTED FROM JOHN JAY, THE FIRST CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT.)

JAPANESE IMMIGRANTS AREN'T ASSIMILATING... AND IF WE LET TOO MANY IN, THEY'LL UNDERMINE OUR ECONOMY!

1850



NOW, I'VE GOT NOTHING AGAINST JEWS... BUT THE JEWS ARE COMING IN HUGE NUMBERS! THE ECONOMY CAN'T TAKE IT!

1920



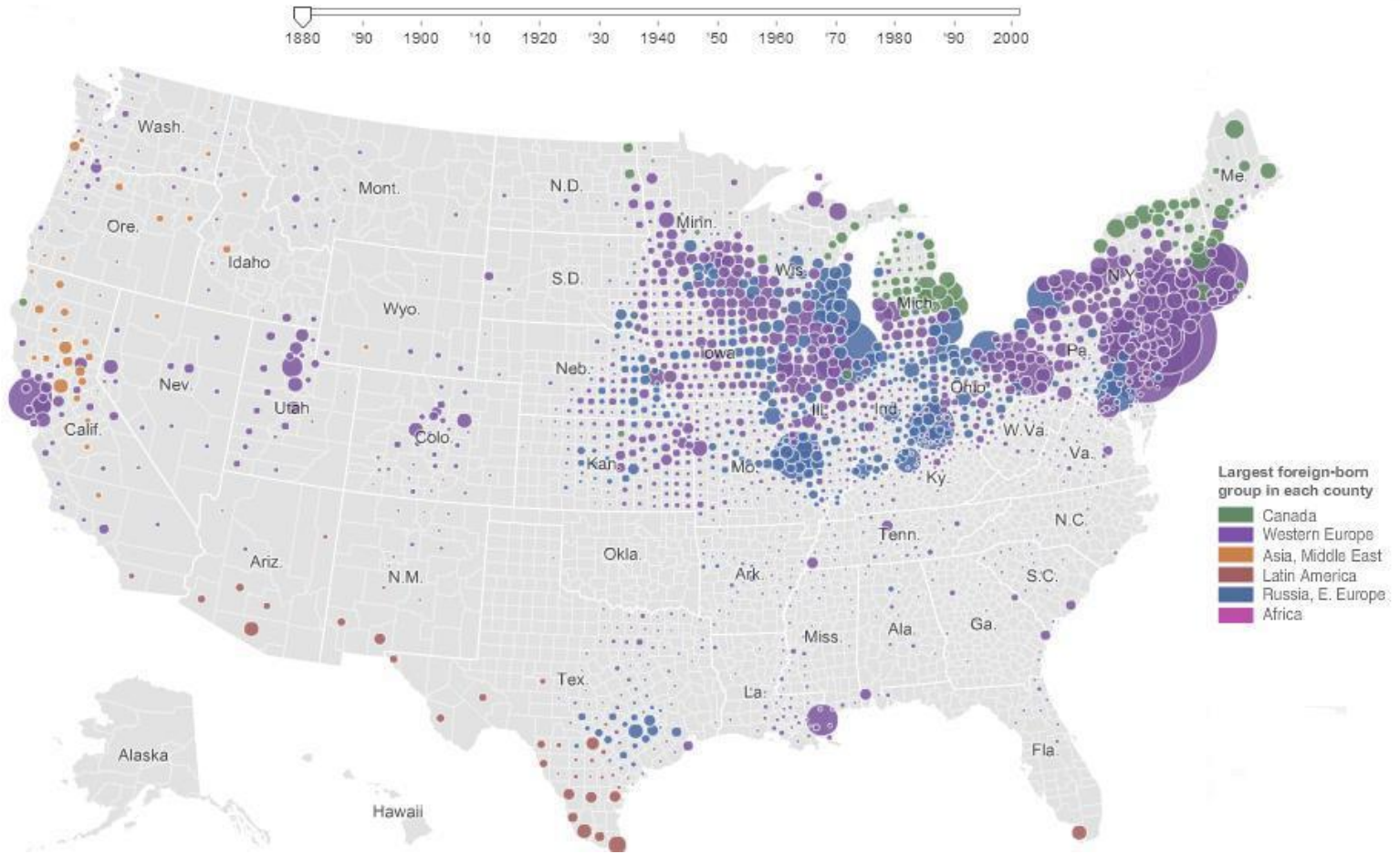
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NOW



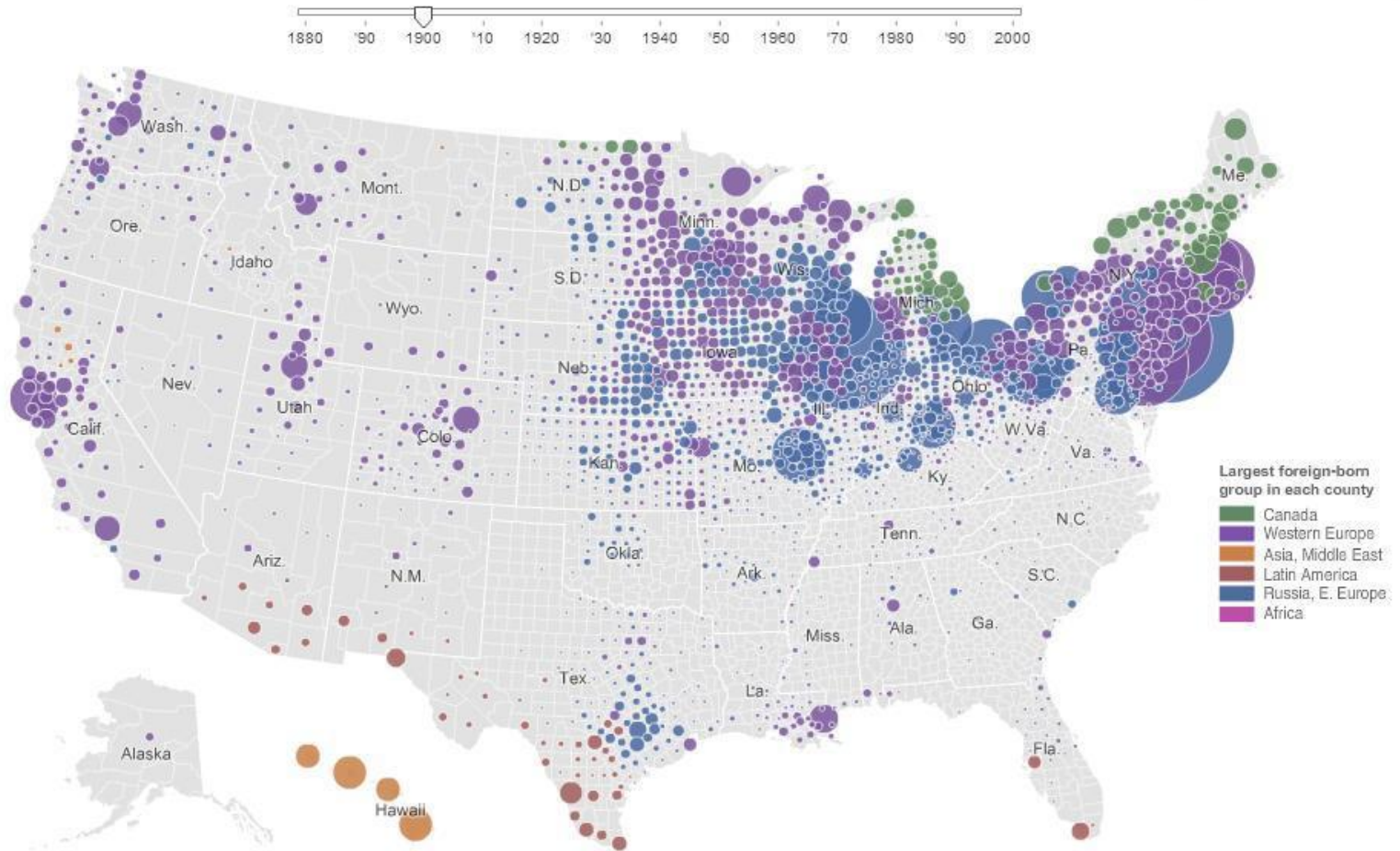
WE SHOULD ERECT A WALL.

# Geographic distribution 1880



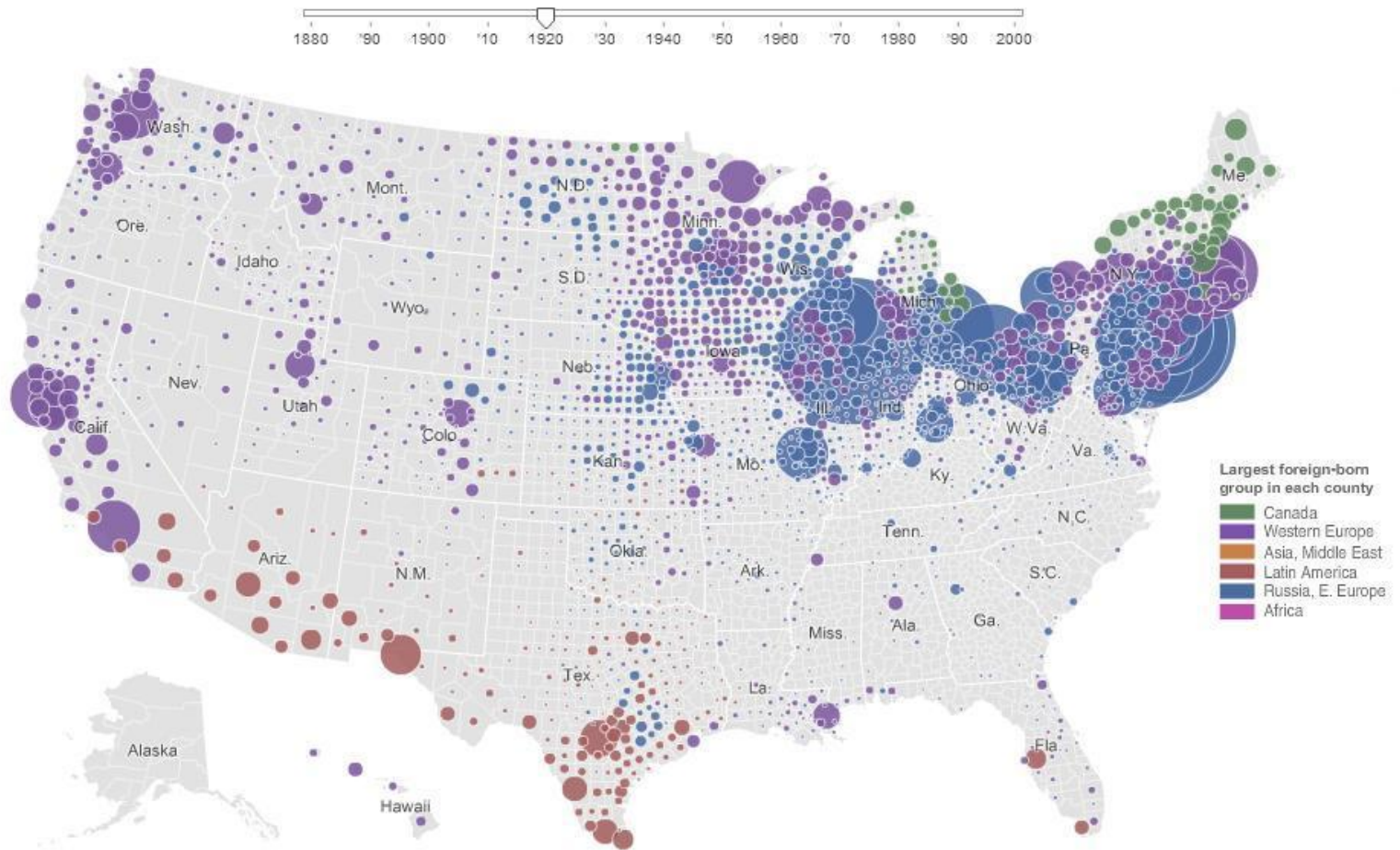
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# Geographic distribution 1900



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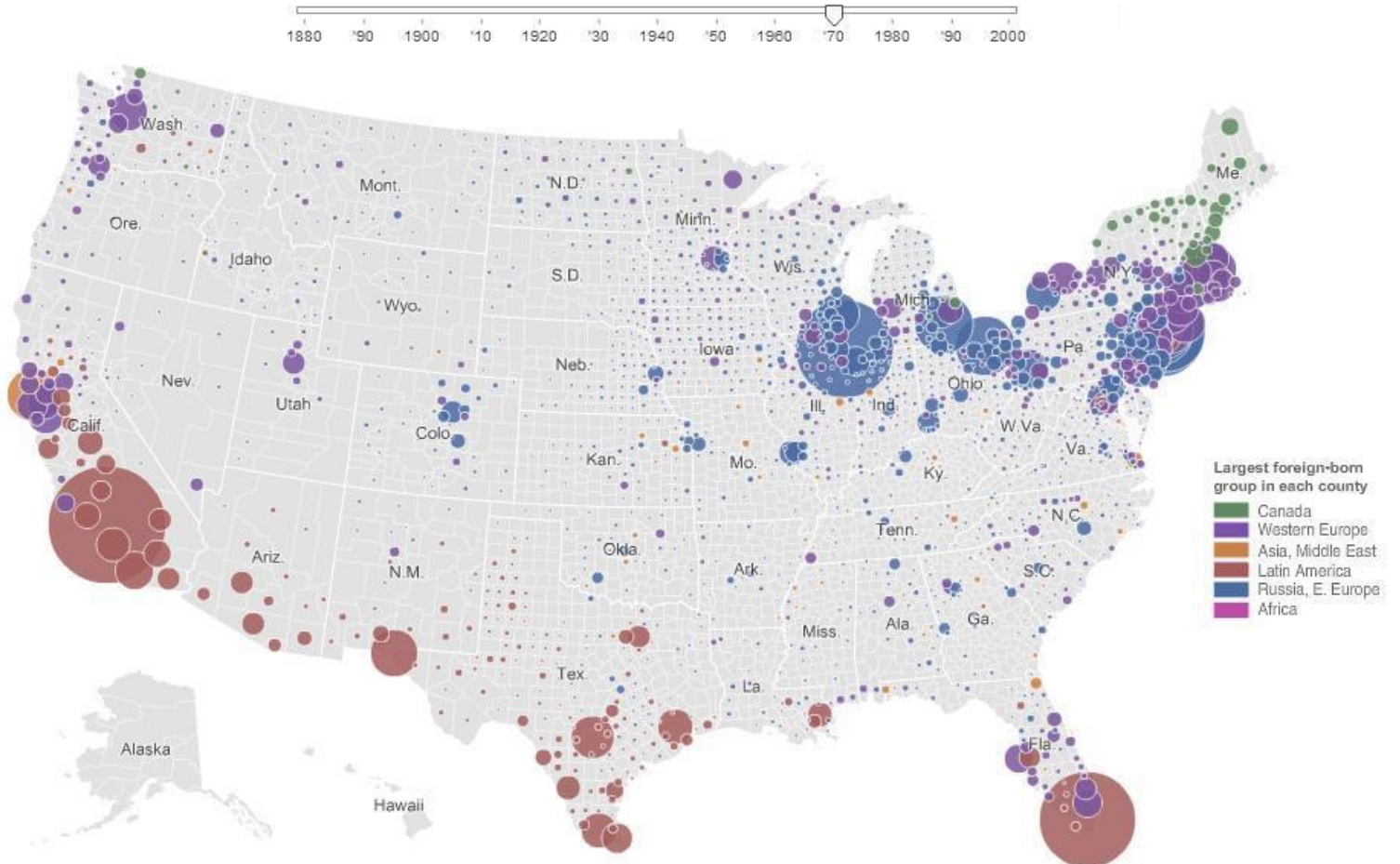
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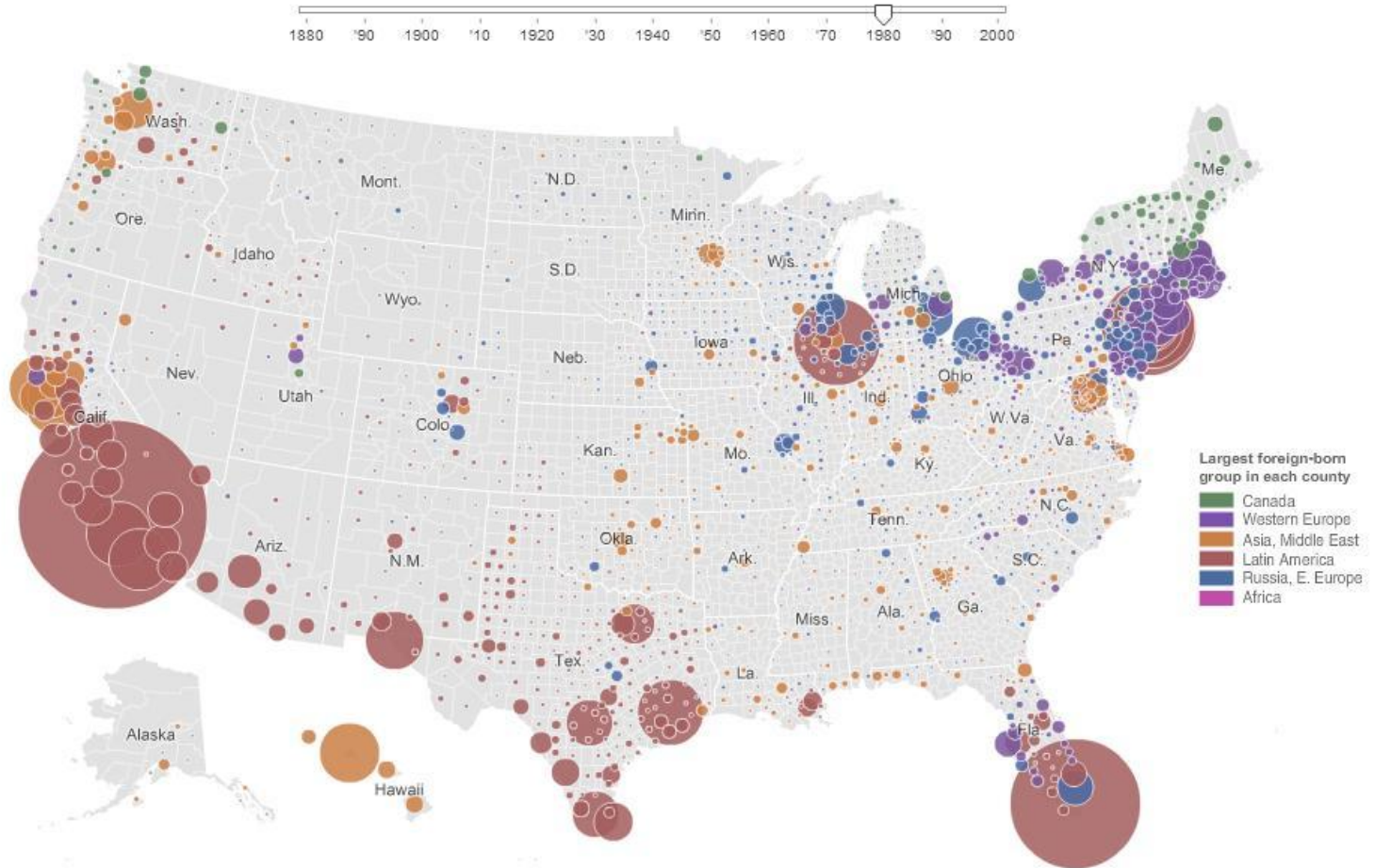


# Geographic distribution 1970



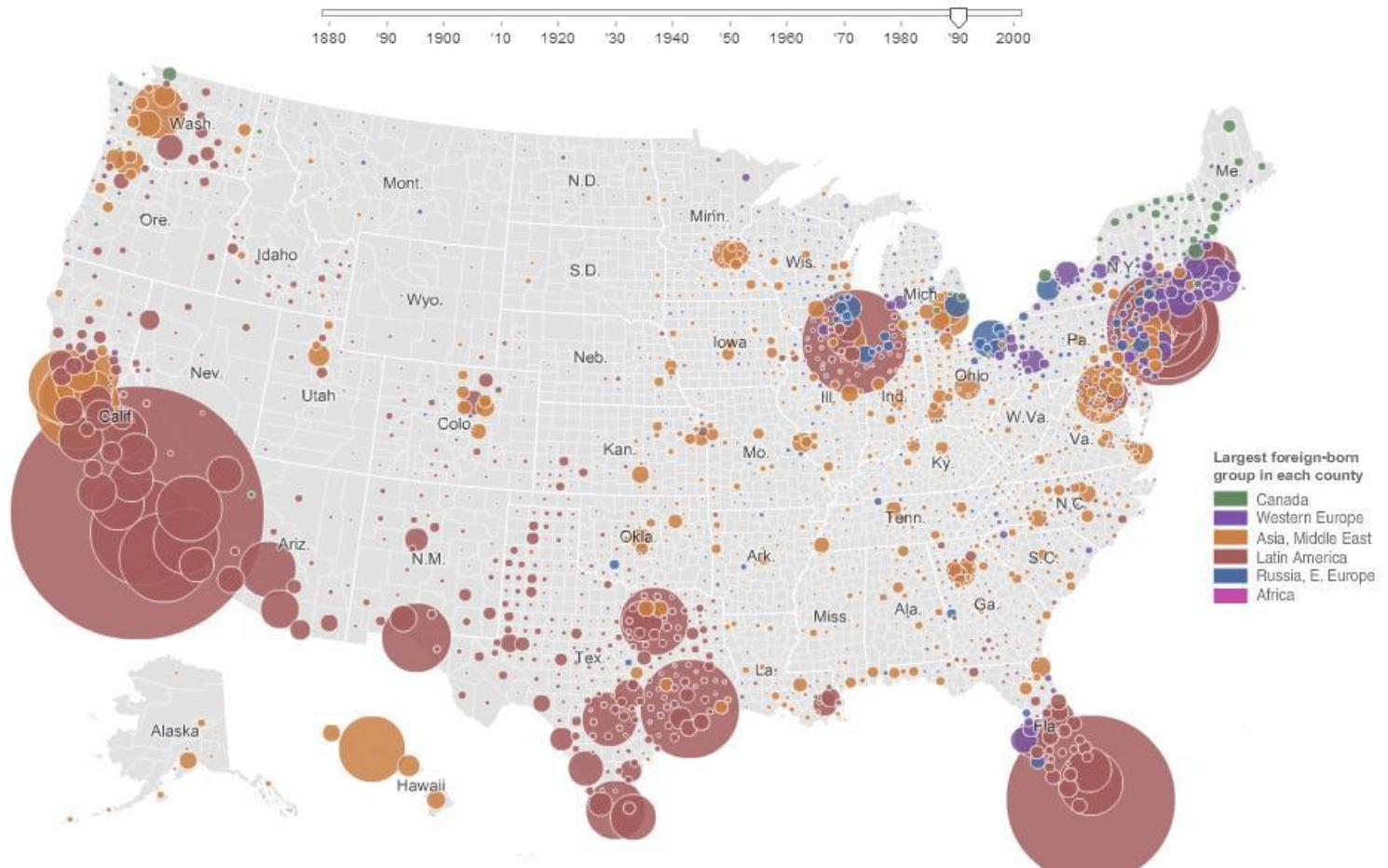
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# Geographic distribution 1980



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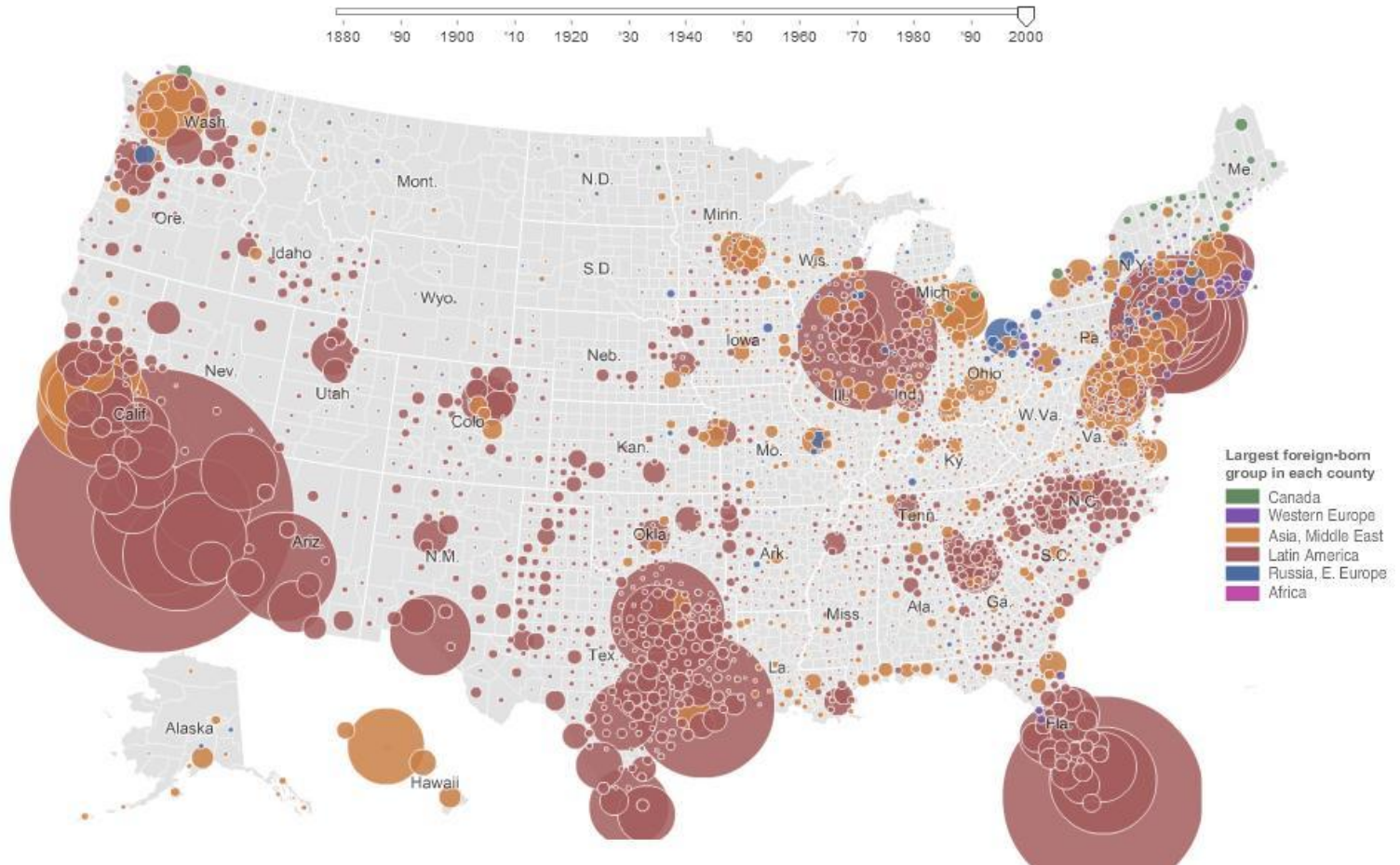
# Geographic distribution 1990



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# Geographic distribution 2000

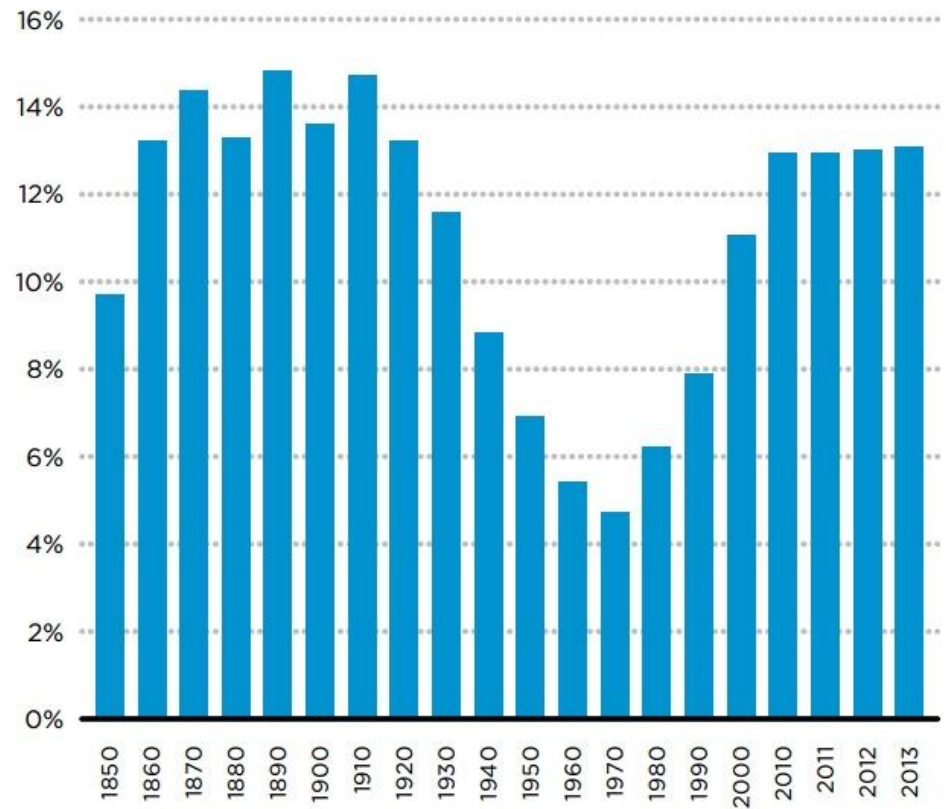


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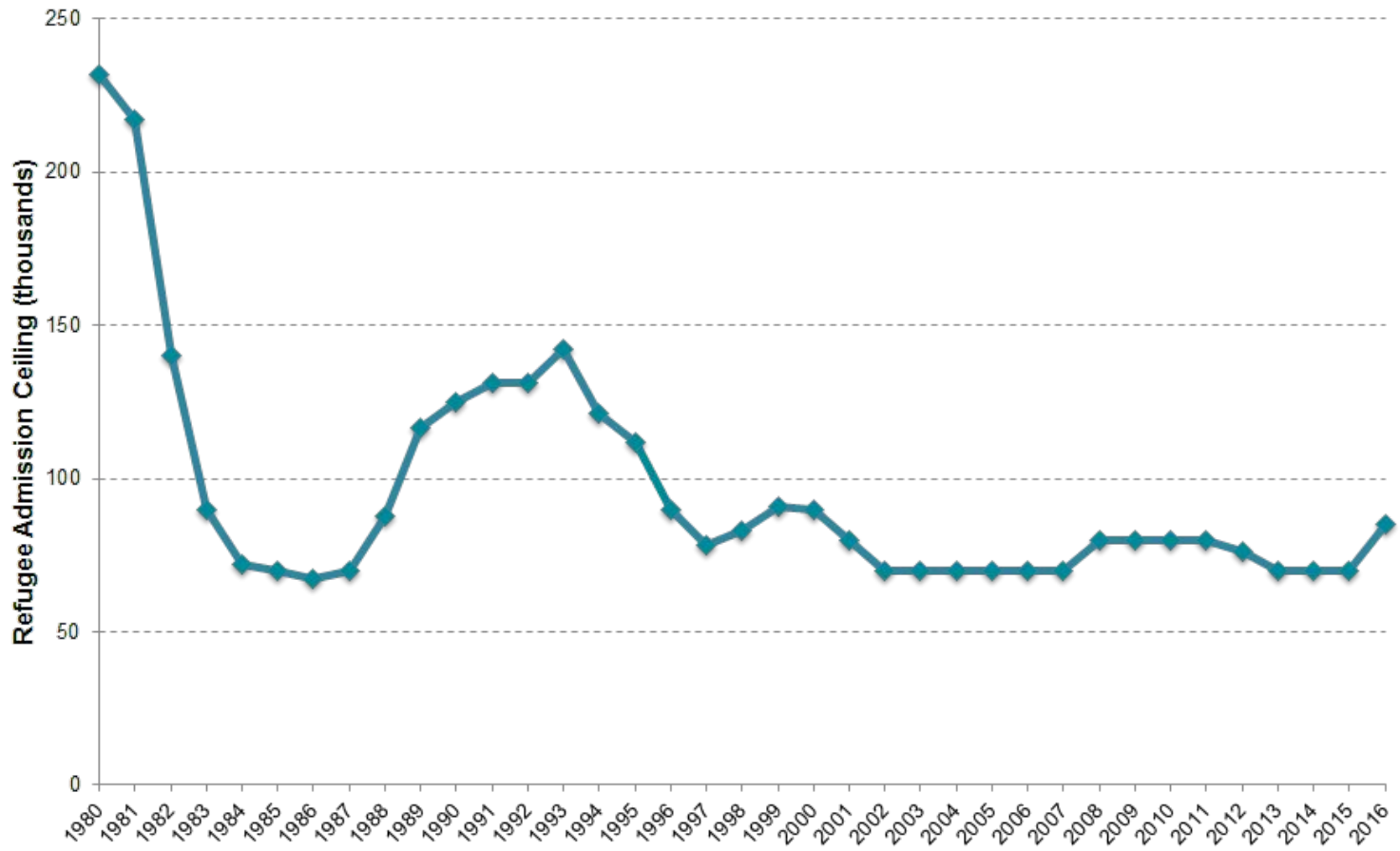
# 13.1% of total population

This is not the highest immigrant share of population in U.S. history.

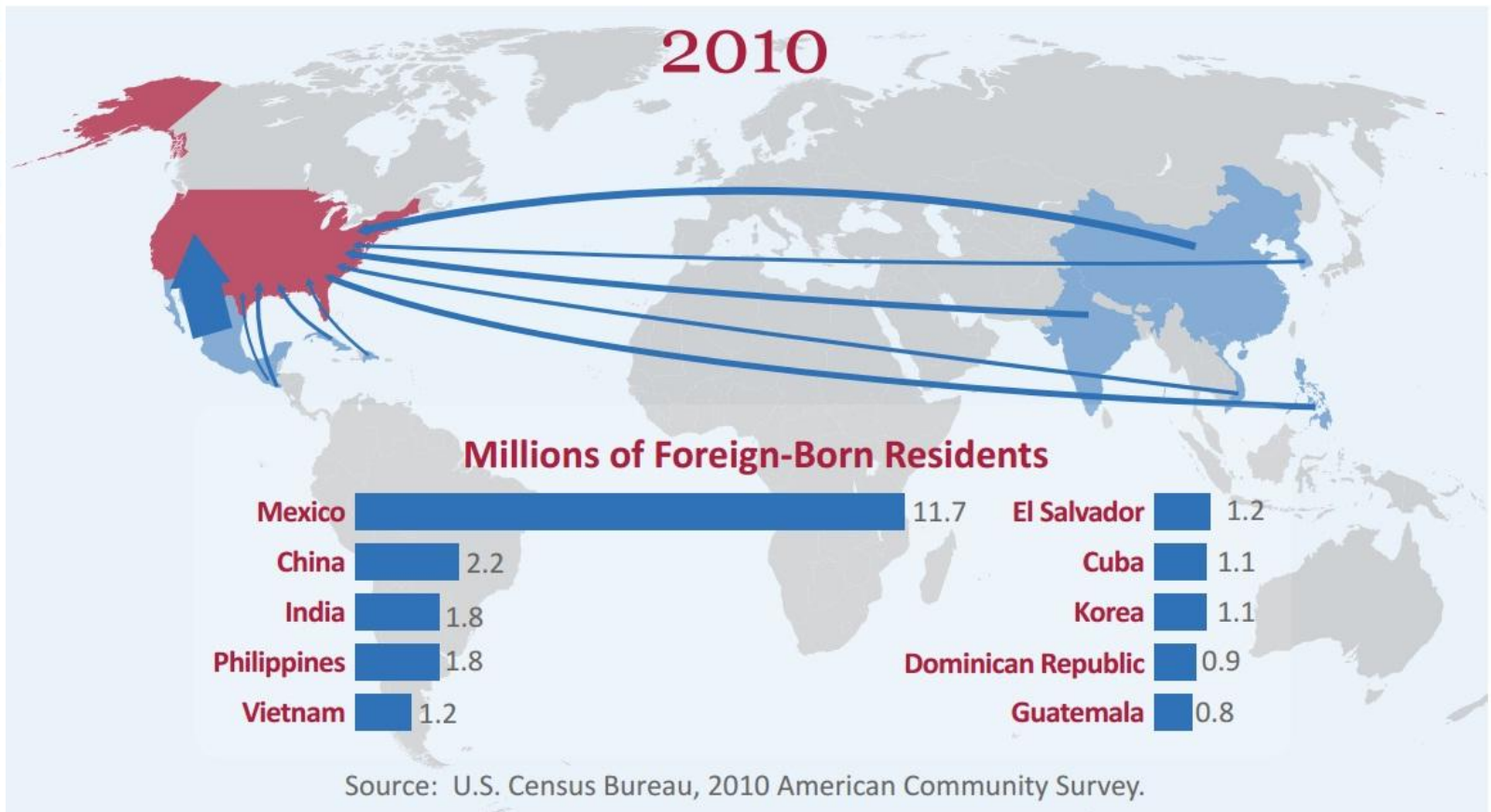
It peaked at 14.7% in 1910 then dropped to 4.7% in 1970.



# Annual refugee admission ceilings

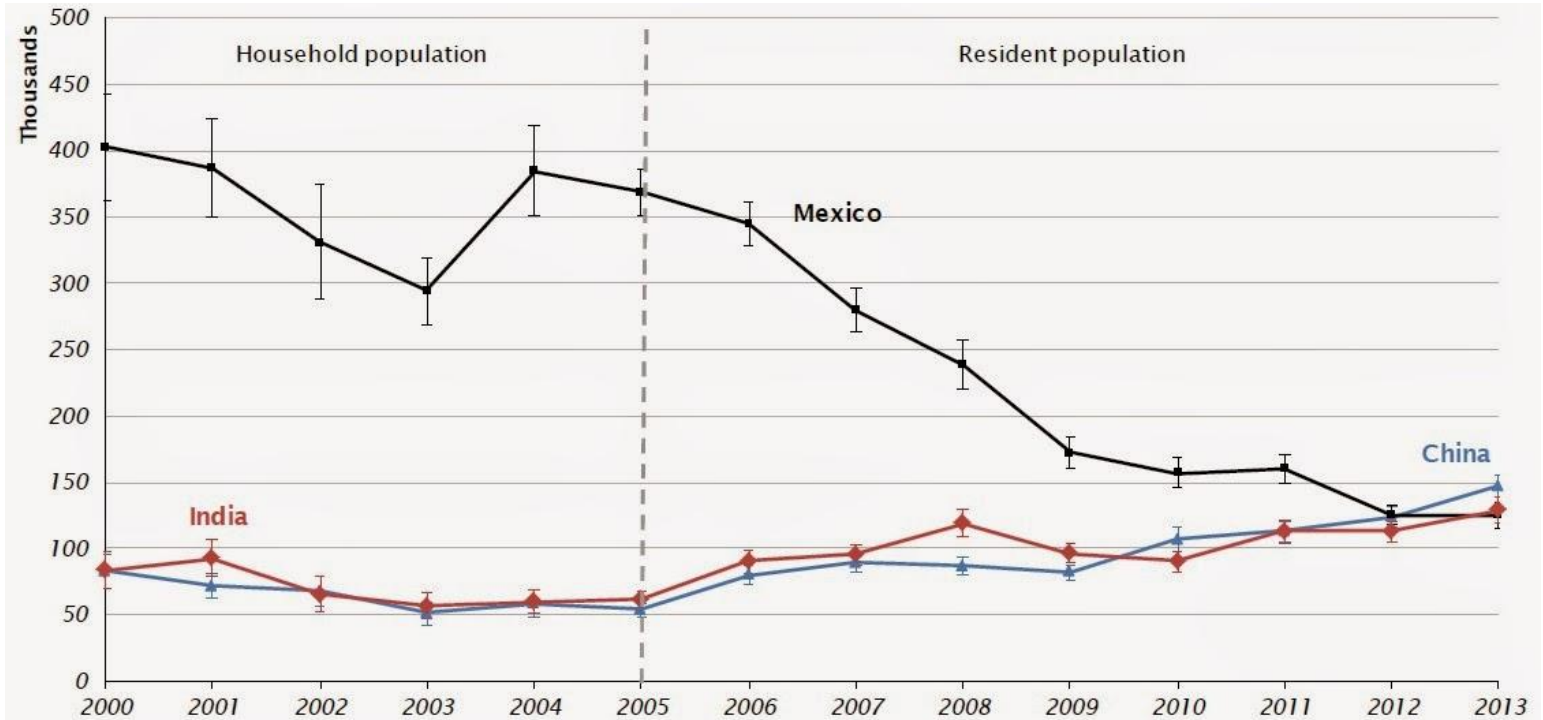


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Note: The ACS did not include the group quarters population until 2006. The time series from 2000 to 2005 reports the household population while the time series from 2006 to 2013 reports the resident population.

Margin of error at the 90% confidence level shown.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, 2000 to 2013 Single-Year American Community Surveys.

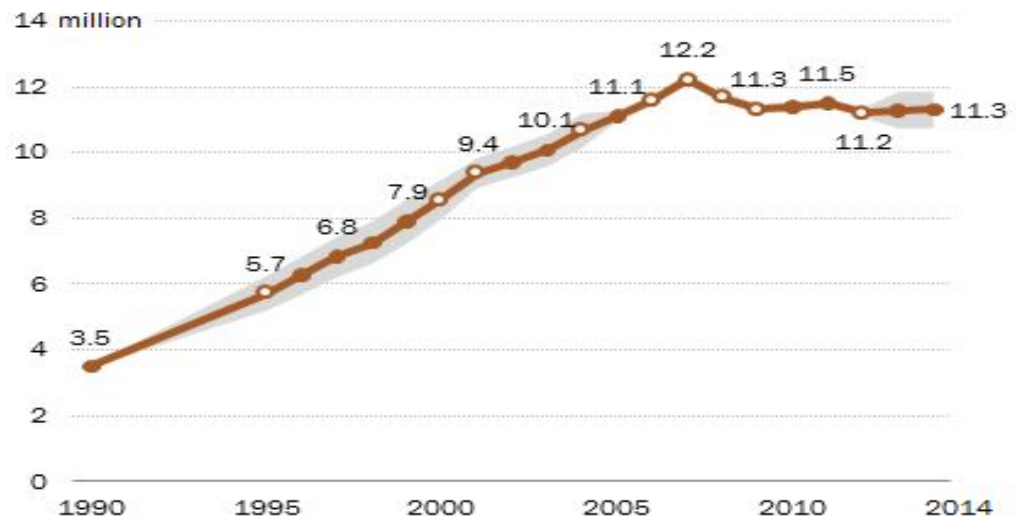
# Unauthorized immigration

Immigrant population increased by 30% since 2000; unauthorized immigration has slowed, declined and bottomed out:

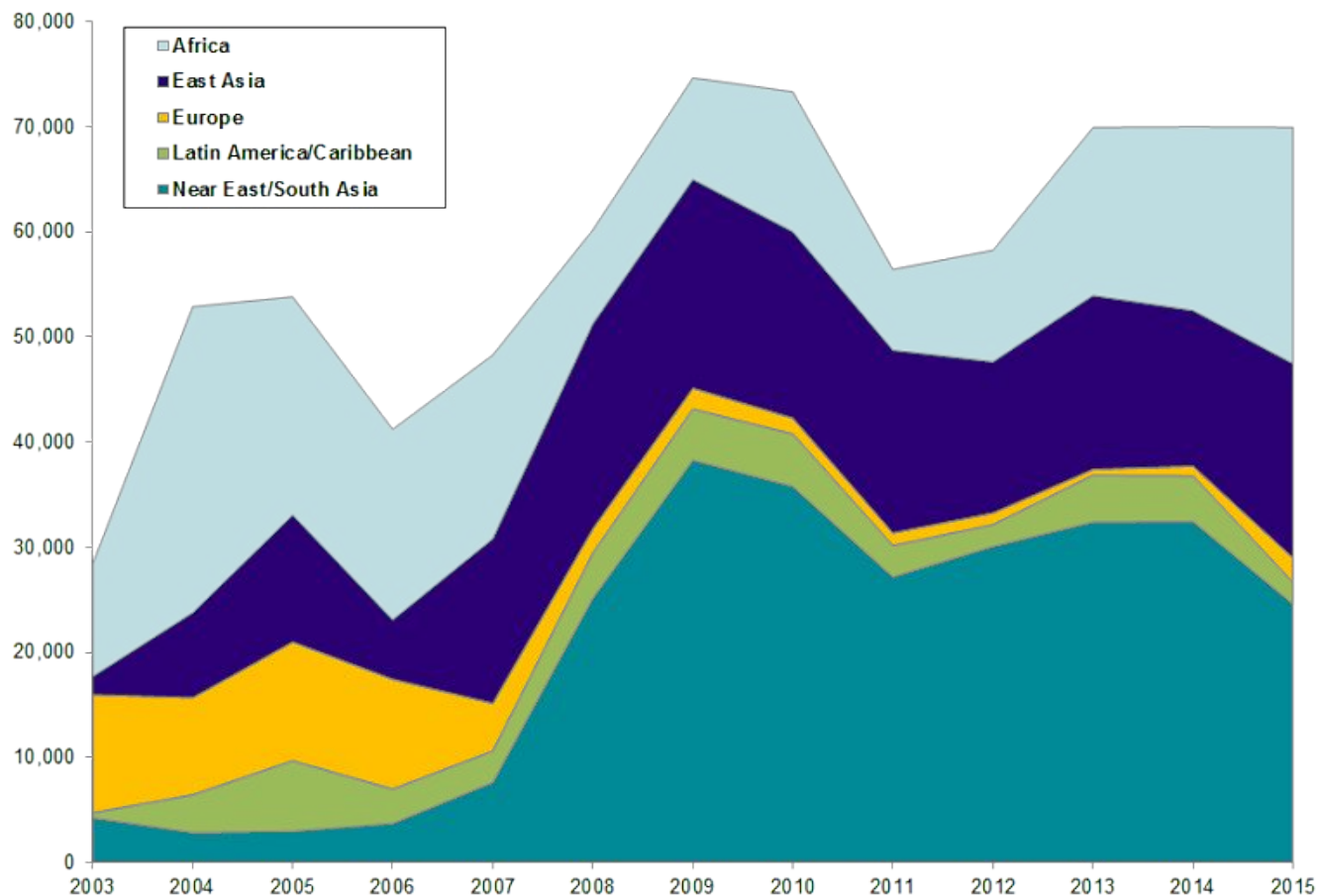
- From a peak of 12.2m (2007) to 11.3m (2014).

Estimates of U.S. Unauthorized Immigrant Population, 1990-2014  
(in millions)

## U.S. Unauthorized Immigrant Population Levels Off



# Refugee arrivals by region of nationality



Source: Jie Zong and Jeanne Batalova, *Refugees and Asylees in the United States*, Migration Policy Institute, 2015

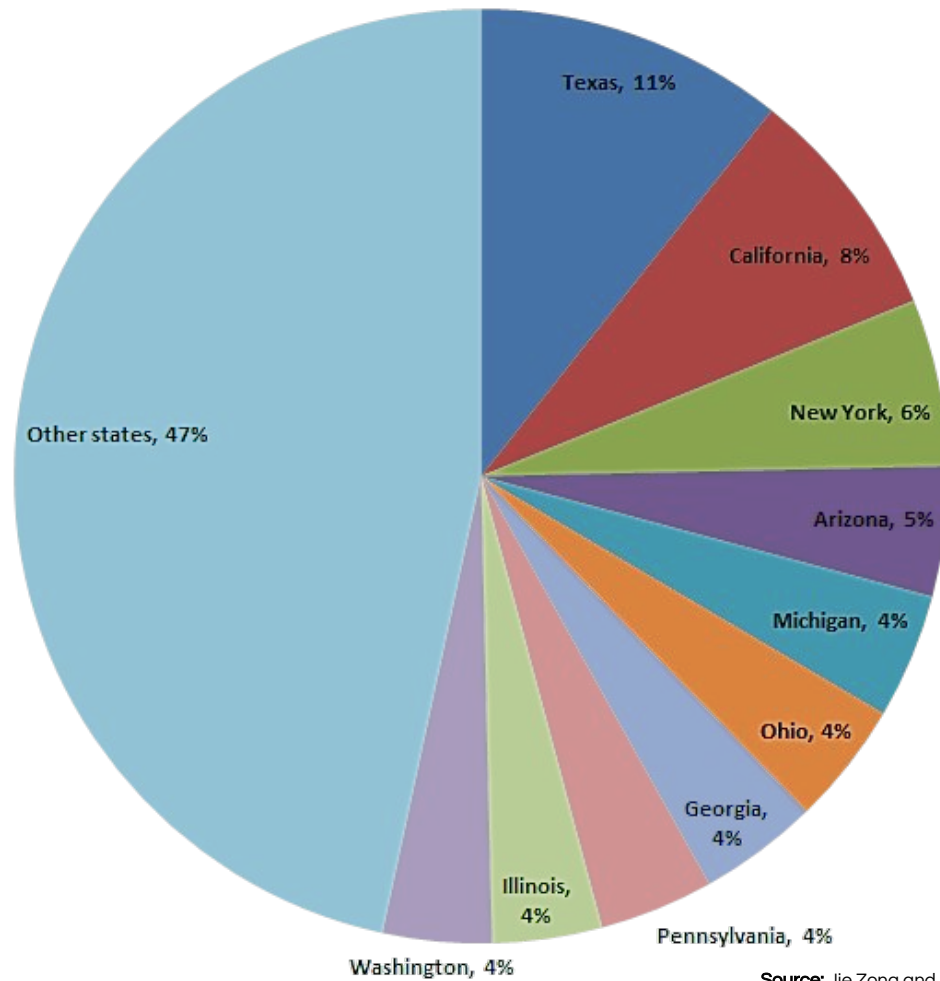
# Refugee arrivals by country of nationality

2015			2014			2013		
Country	Number	Percent	Country	Number	Percent	Country	Number	Percent
Burma	18,386	26.3	Iraq	19,769	28.2	Iraq	19,488	27.9
Iraq	12,676	18.1	Burma	14,598	20.9	Burma	16,299	23.3
Somalia	8,858	12.7	Somalia	9,000	12.9	Bhutan	9,134	13.1
Dem. Rep. Congo	7,876	11.3	Bhutan	8,434	12.1	Somalia	7,608	10.9
Bhutan	5,775	8.3	Dem. Rep. Congo	4,540	6.5	Cuba	4,205	6.0
Iran	3,109	4.4	Cuba	4,062	5.8	Iran	2,578	3.7
Syria	1,682	2.4	Iran	2,846	4.1	Dem. Rep. Congo	2,563	3.7
Eritrea	1,596	2.3	Eritrea	1,488	2.1	Sudan	2,160	3.1
Sudan	1,578	2.3	Sudan	1,315	1.9	Eritrea	1,824	2.6
Cuba	1,527	2.2	Afghanistan	753	1.1	Ethiopia	765	1.1
All other countries, including unknown	6,870	9.8	All other countries, including unknown	3,182	4.5	All other countries, including unknown	3,302	4.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,933</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>69,987</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>69,926</b>	<b>100.0</b>

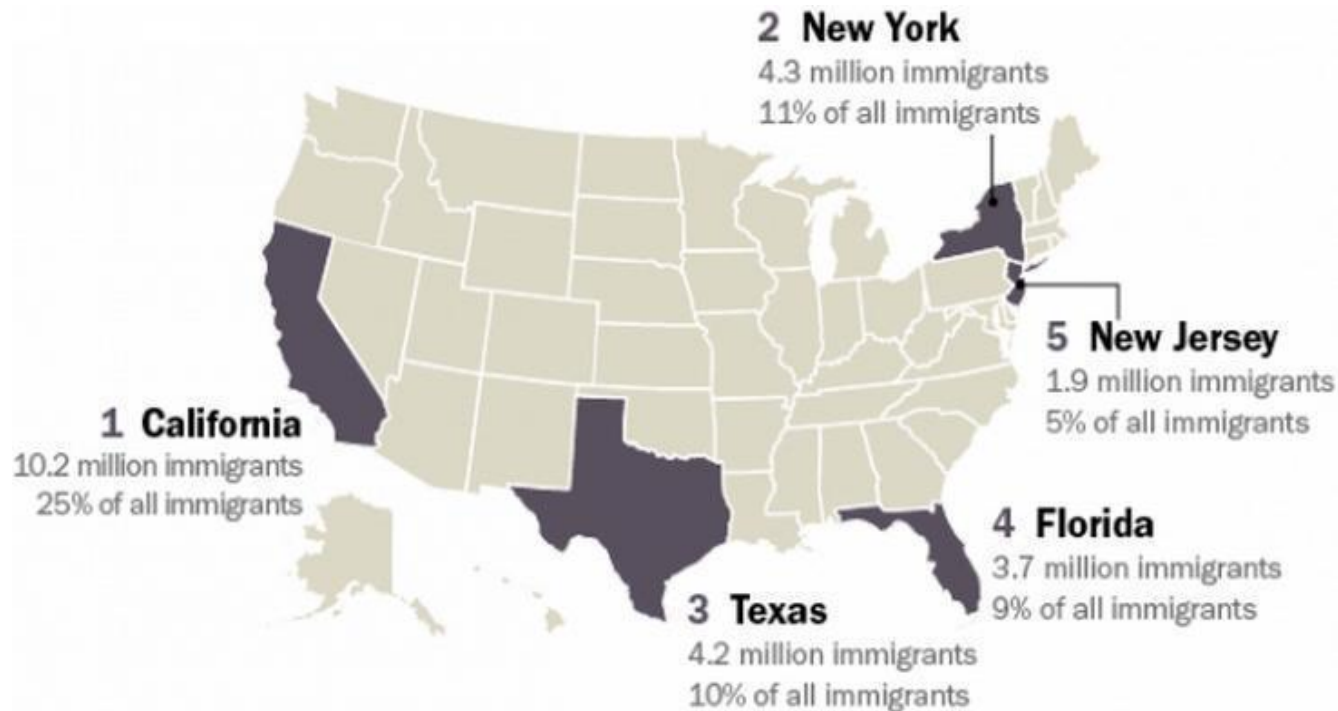


# Refugee arrivals by state

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# Top 5 states for immigrants



60% of U.S. immigrants live in just five states:

- CA has 25% of all immigrants (10.2m) followed by NY, TX, FL and NJ.

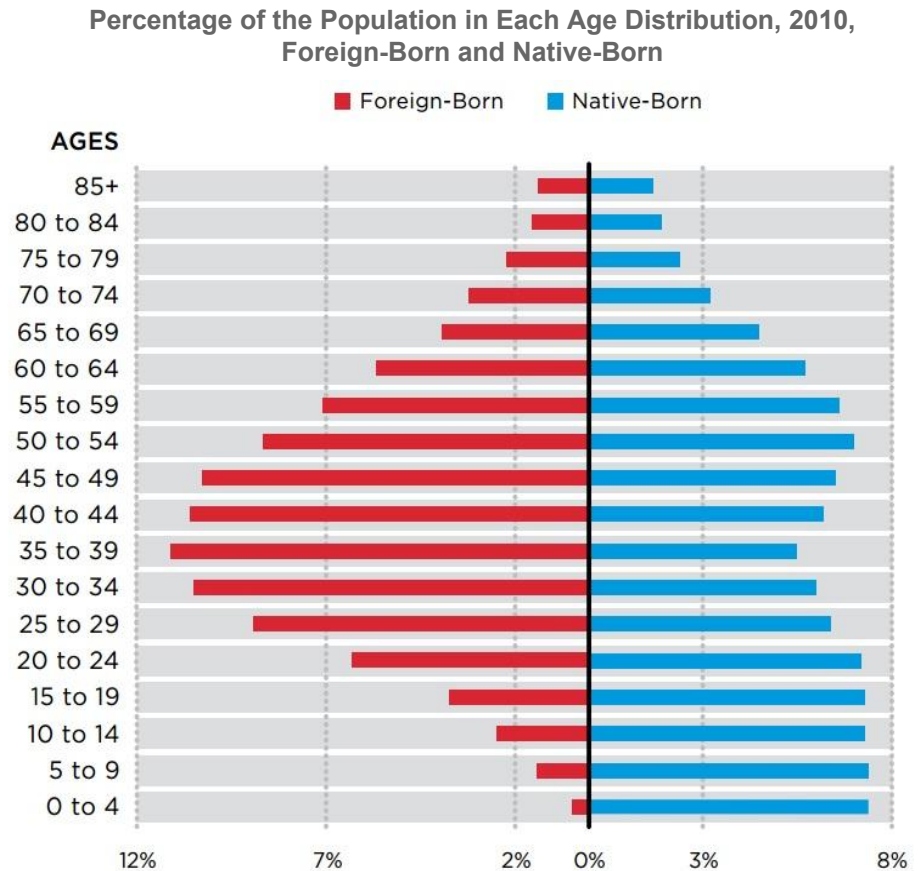
# Fastest-growing states for immigrants



TN, SC, KY, AL and MS have seen the fastest growth in immigrant population.

# Outsized role in labor force

- Immigrants make up 16.5% 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.



Sources: *America's Advantage: A Handbook on Immigration and Economic Growth*, 2015; Pew Research Center, "Statistical Portrait of the Foreign-Born Population in the United States, 2010." Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Labor Force Characteristics of Foreign-born Workers Summary," 2015.



# Outsized role in labor force

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- **STEM:** An additional 262 jobs for the native-born are created for every 100 foreign-born STEM workers with advanced degrees from U. S. colleges.
- **Texas:** new H-1B visas will translate into 80,500 new jobs for U.S.-born workers in the state by 2020
- **California:** new H-1B visas will translate into 117,209 new jobs for U.S.-born workers in the state by 2020



# Workers and Social Security

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**16** <sup>1950</sup> Workers



**3** <sup>2010</sup> Workers



# Immigrant tax contributions

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- Between \$90 and \$140 billion a year in federal, state and local taxes
  - Taxes paid on income, property, sales, and taxes at the federal and state level
- Taxes from undocumented immigrants estimated at \$11.6 billion (2015)
  - **California:** \$3.1 billion
  - **Texas:** \$1.6 billion
  - **Florida:** \$806 million
  - **Illinois:** \$743 million
  - **Washington:** \$292 million

# Immigrants as Assets



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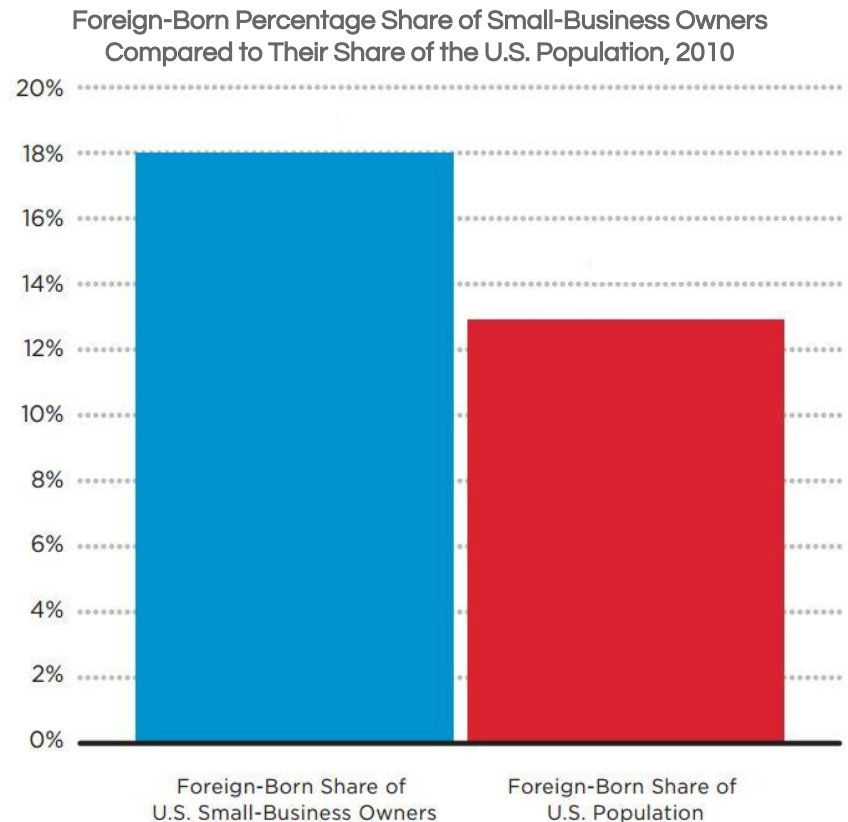




# Immigrant entrepreneurship

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

- Share of pop.: 13.1%
- Share of labor force: 15.9%



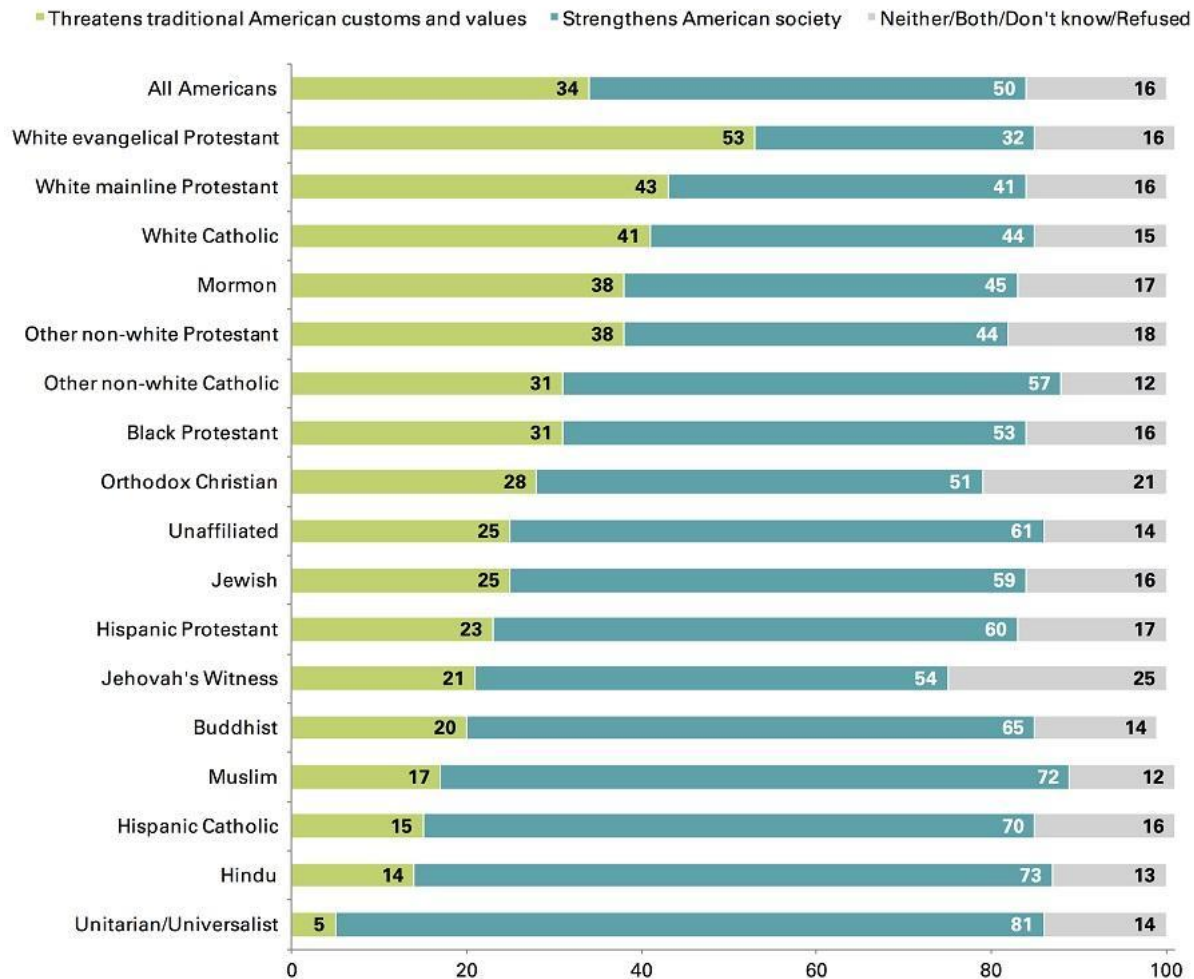
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## Immigrant-Founded Companies



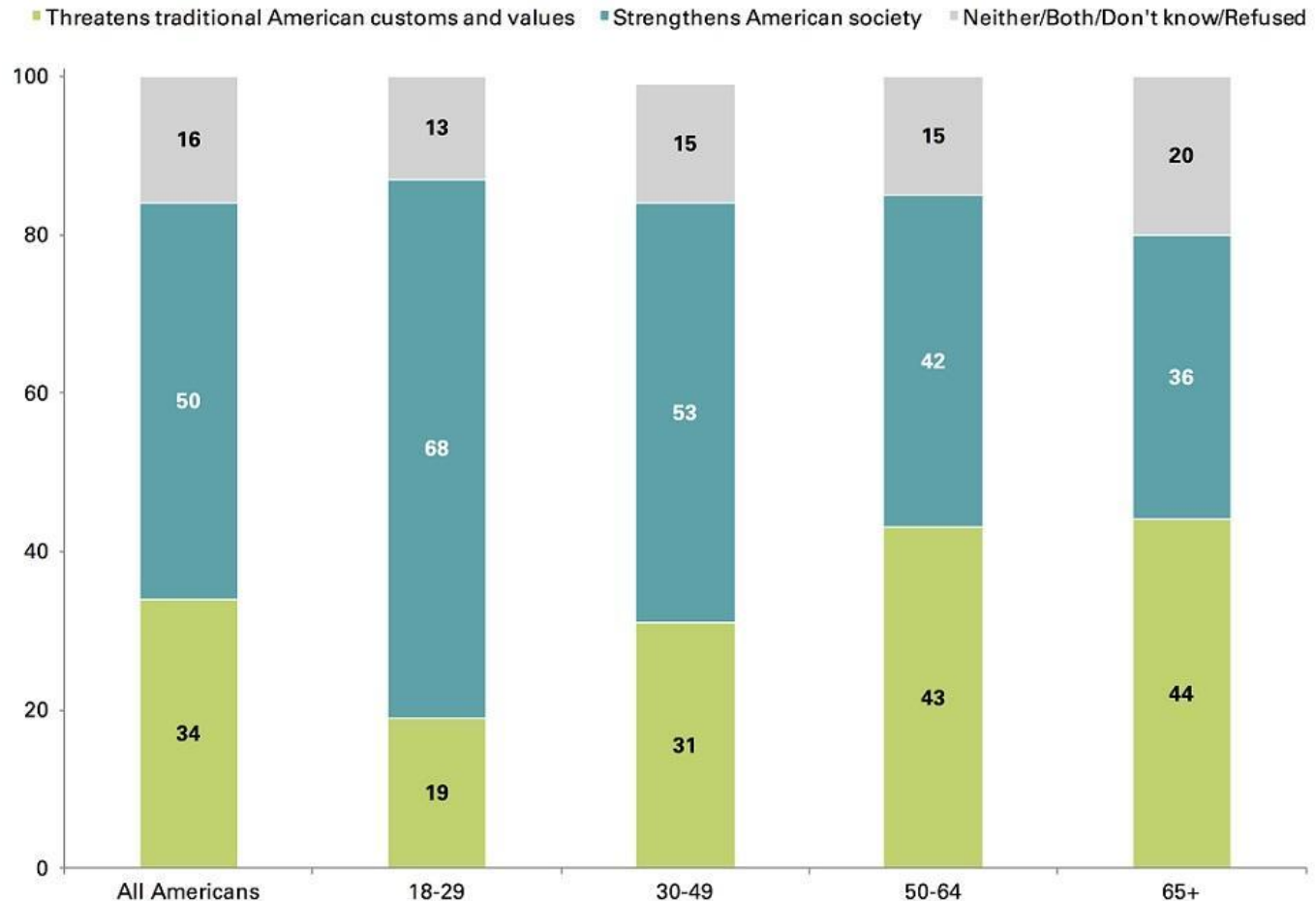
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# Views on immigrants by religion

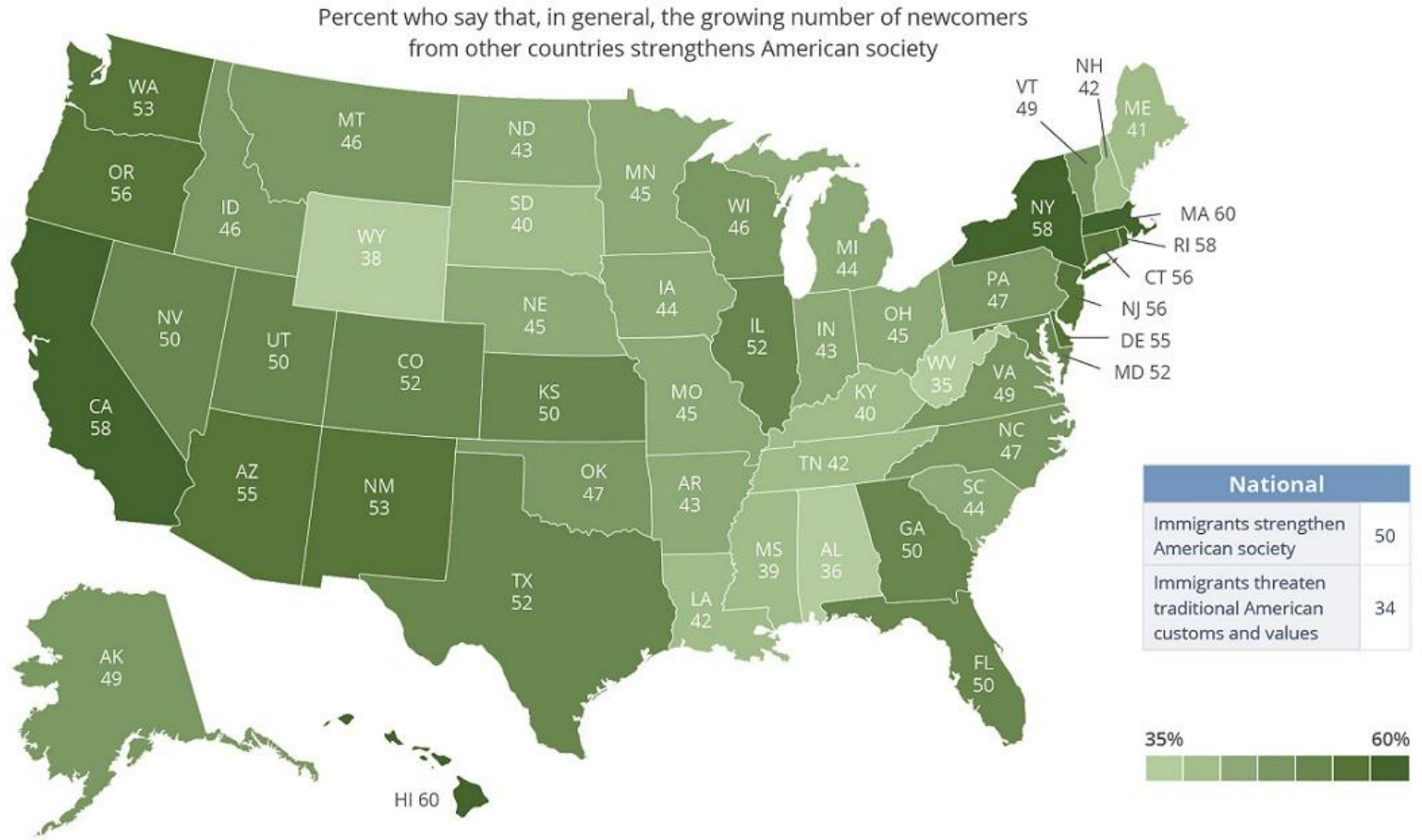


Source: Public Religion Research Institute, 2015 American Values Atlas

# Views on immigrants by age



# Views on immigrants by state





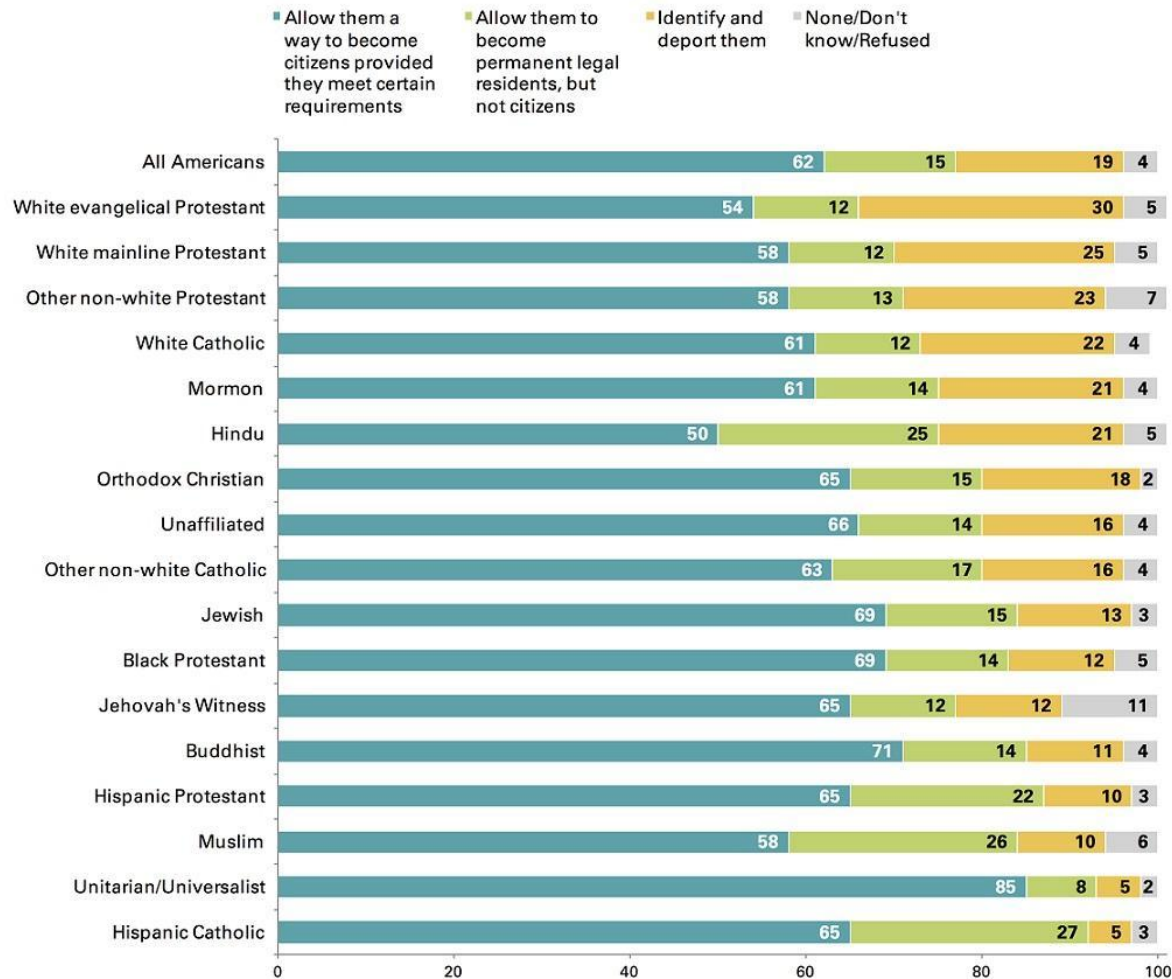
# Views on immigrants by party

The growing number of newcomers from other countries...

	Threatens traditional American customs and values	Strengthens American society	Neither/Both/ Don't know/ Refused	N=
<b>All Americans</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>16=100</b>	<b>42,586</b>
<b>Republican</b>	53	32	15=100	10,203
<i>Conservative Republican</i>	58	28	14=100	7,037
<i>Moderate Republican</i>	45	40	15=100	2,146
<i>Liberal Republican</i>	41	47	12=100	783
<b>Independent</b>	33	52	16=100	15,766
<b>Democrat</b>	24	63	13=100	13,463
<i>Conservative Democrat</i>	35	49	15=100	2,595
<i>Moderate Democrat</i>	28	57	15=100	3,865
<i>Liberal Democrat</i>	16	74	10=100	6,488

# Views on immigration reform by religion

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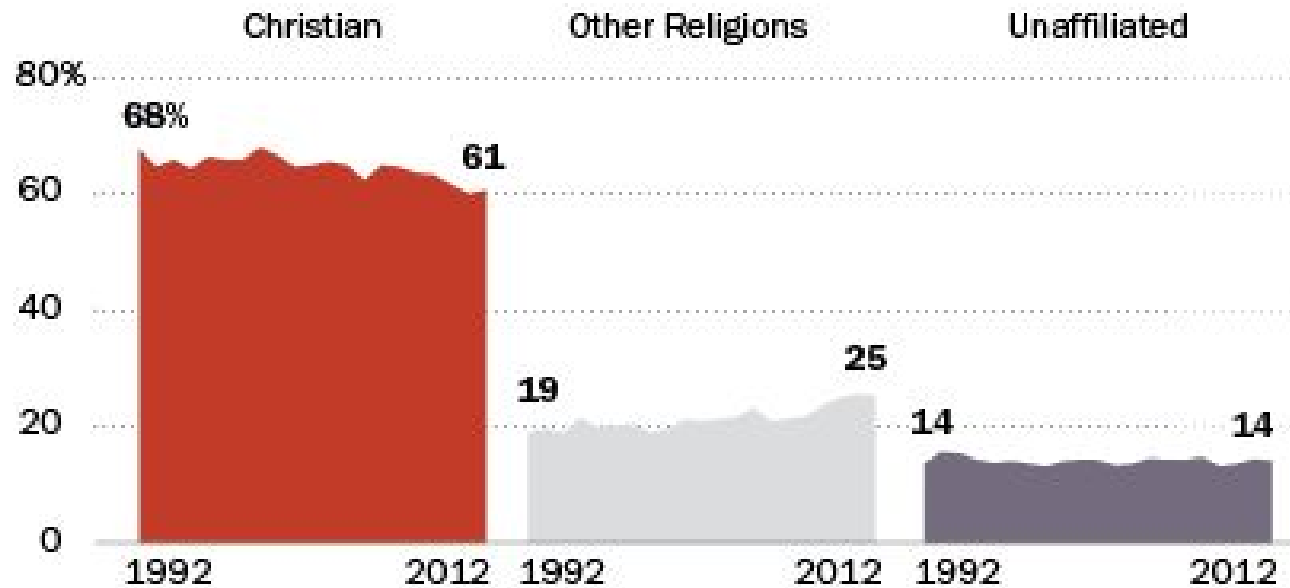
# Views on immigration reform by party

In dealing with immigrants living in the U.S. illegally, the immigration system should...

	Allow them a way to become citizens provided they meet certain requirements	Allow them to become permanent legal residents, but not citizens	Identify and deport them	None/ Don't know/ Refused	N=
<b>All Americans</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4=100</b>	<b>42,586</b>
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*Religious composition of legal permanent residents*



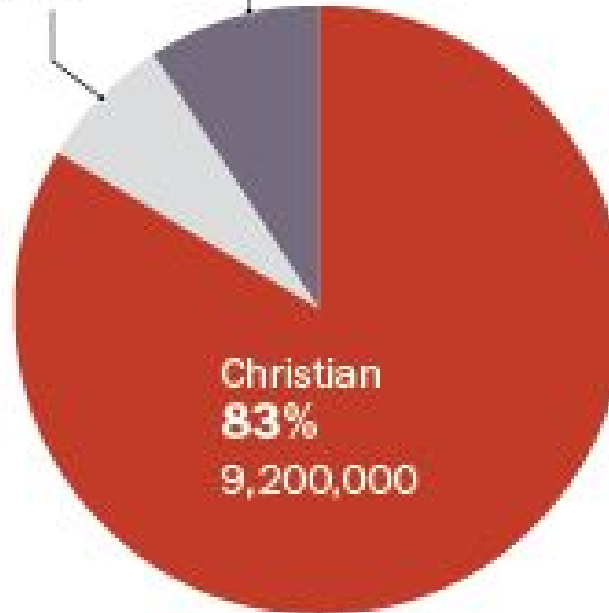
# Religious composition of undocumented

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*Religious composition of unauthorized immigrant population, 2011*

Other Religions  
**7%**  
800,000

Unaffiliated  
**9%**  
1,000,000





# Religious composition of immigrants

*Religious composition of legal permanent residents belonging to non-Christian faiths*

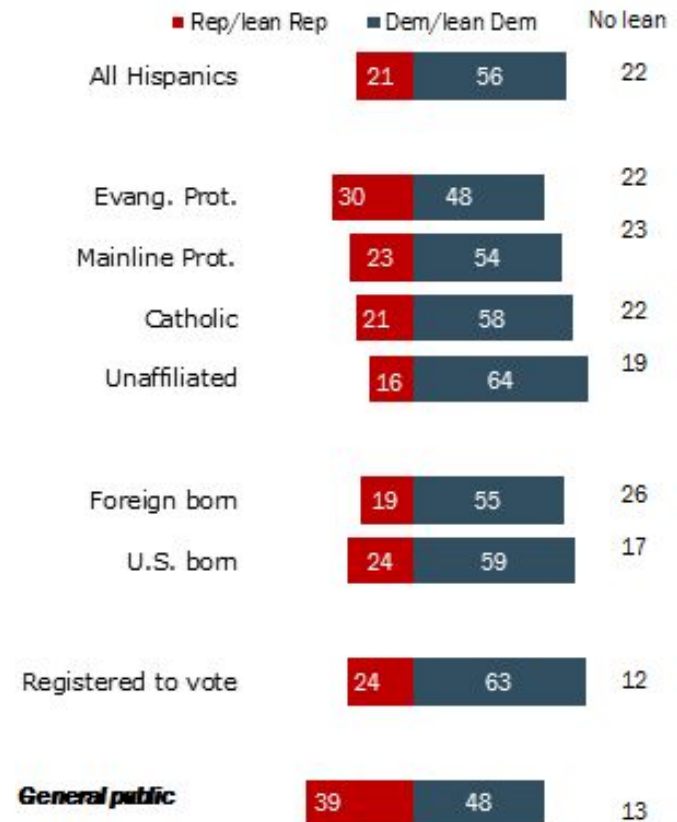


# Trends among foreign-born Hispanics

*% change in each religious group from childhood to current affiliation among foreign-born Hispanics*



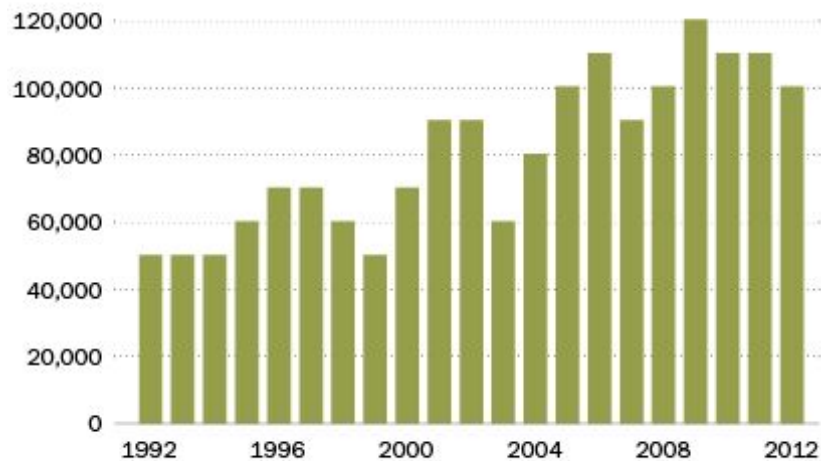
*% of Hispanics*



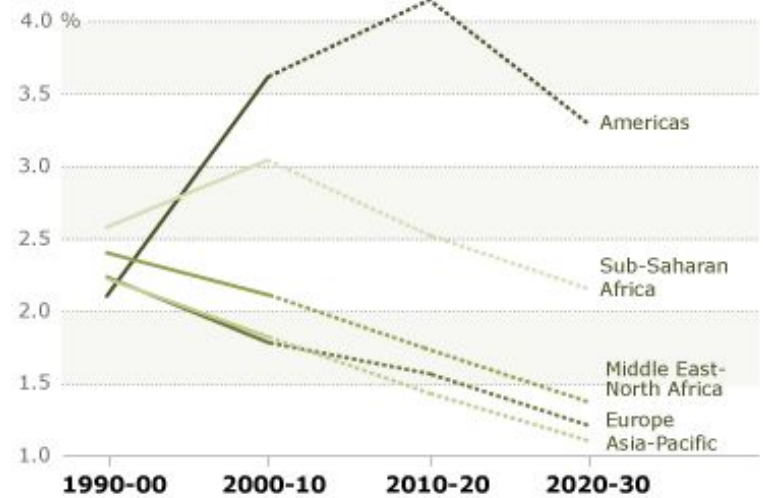
Source: Pew Research Center, *The Religious Affiliation of U.S. Immigrants, 2013*

# Trends among foreign-born Muslims

## Muslim Legal Permanent Residents, 1992-2012

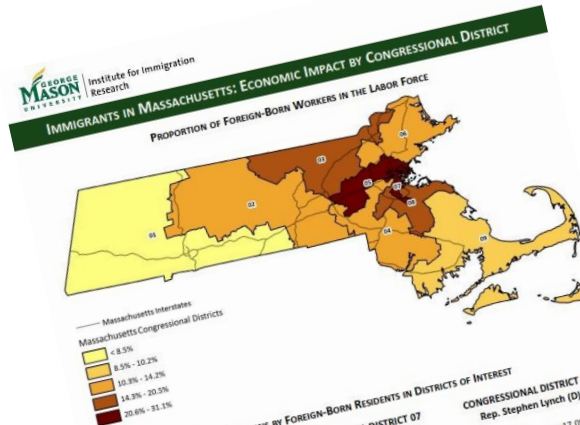


## Annual Population Growth Rates for Muslims by Region



Source: Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion and Public Life, *The Future of the Global Muslim Population, 2011*

# Immigration Data on Demand

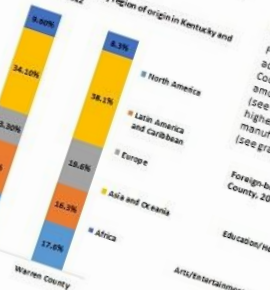


- CONTRIBUTIONS BY FOREIGN-BORN RESIDENTS IN DISTRICTS OF INTEREST**
- CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 03  
Rep. Niki Tsongas (D)**
- Immigrants account for 18.8% of the population and 18.3% of the labor force.
  - 82.6% of immigrants are of working age (between 16 and 64 years of age).
  - 9.2% of immigrant workers are self-employed, representing 18.3% of all self-employed workers.
  - Over half of the immigrant population (56.2%) are homeowners.
- CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 07  
Rep. Mike Capuano (D)**
- Immigrants account for 27.4% of the population and 31.1% of the labor force.
  - 83.1% of immigrants are of working age (between 16 and 64 years of age).
  - 7.9% of immigrant workers are self-employed, representing 36.2% of all self-employed workers.
  - A large share of the immigrant population (31.1%) are homeowners.
- CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 08  
Rep. Stephen Lynch (D)**
- Immigrants account for 17.0% population and 10.3% of the labor force.
  - 81.4% of immigrants are of working age (between 16 and 64 years of age).
  - 8.3% of immigrant workers are self-employed, representing 17.6% of all self-employed workers.
  - More than 50% of immigrants are homeowners.



**PROFILE OF FOREIGN-BORN IN WARREN COUNTY, KY**  
 October 2014

Warren County is a popular home for immigrants in Kentucky (2012)  
 The foreign-born are 3.1% of Kentucky's population (see figure at right). In Warren County, the foreign-born population accounts for 7.7% of the total population. This indicates that Warren County is a popular home for immigrants in Kentucky.



- Top countries of origin of foreign-born in Warren County, KY (2012):**
- Dominican Republic
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**Immigrants help power the labor force (2012)**

Foreign-born workers account for 7.4% of Warren County's labor force amounting to 4,500 workers (see chart at right). The highest share is in manufacturing at 54.7% (see graph below).

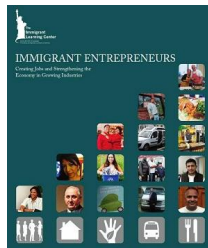


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