# Immigrants in the U.S.

Statistical Overview of Demographics, Education and Labor

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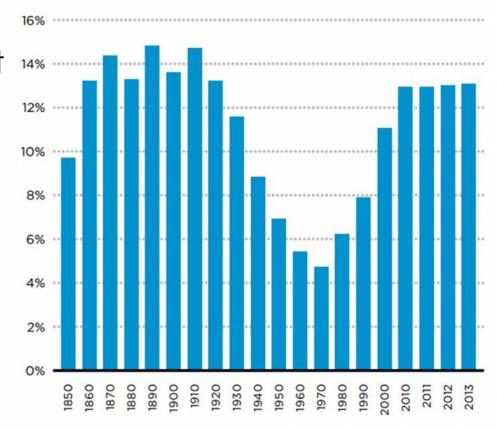
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### 13.1% of total population

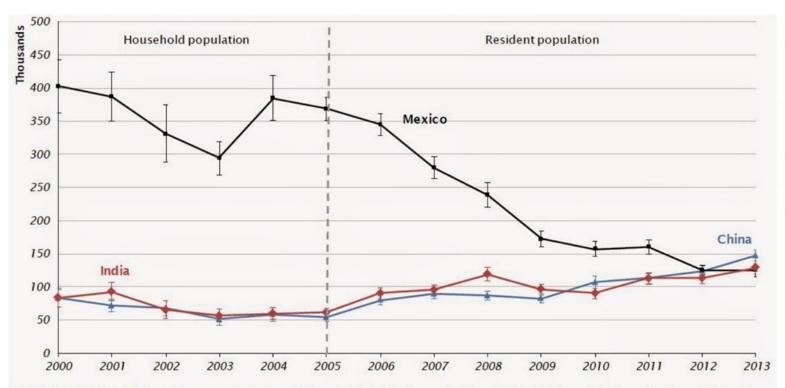
This is not the highest immigrant share of population in U.S. history.

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





### Place of nativity



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.

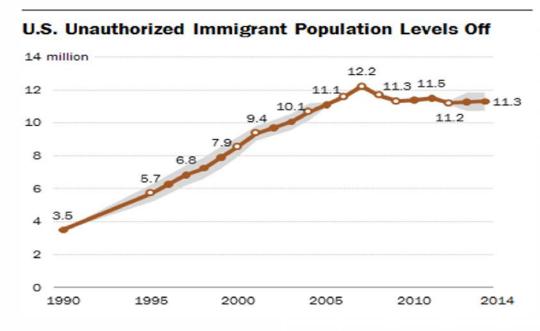
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, 2000 to 2013 Single-Year American Community Surveys.



### Unauthorized immigration

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

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







### Fastest-growing states for immigrants



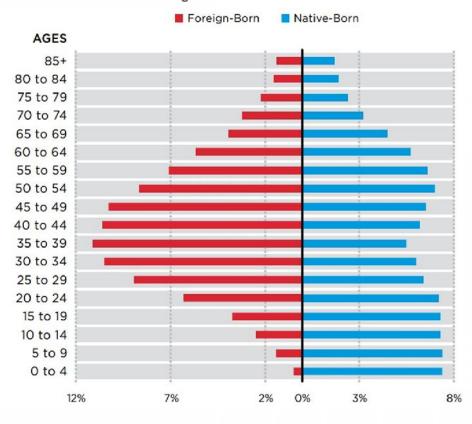


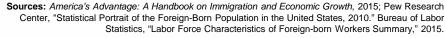
TN, SC, KY, AL and MS have seen the fastest growth in immigrant population.

### 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.

Percentage of the Population in Each Age Distribution, 2010, Foreign-Born and Native-Born







### Outsized role in labor force

- STEM: An additional 262 jobs for the nativeborn are created for every 100 foreignborn 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
 Source: American Enterprise Institute and the Partnership For A New American Economy, Immigration and American Jobs, 2011

## Workers and Social Security

**16** Workers

3 Workers



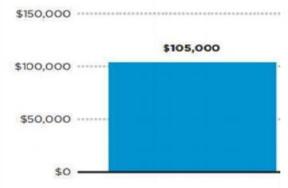




#### Educational attainment

- Recent immigrants more likely than natives to have a 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.

Average Fiscal Impact of the Foreign-Born with Greater than High School Education



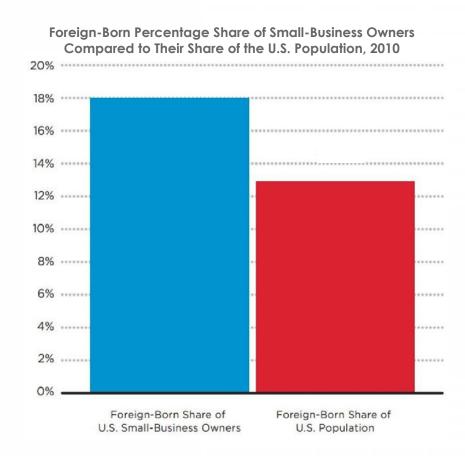
**Source:** Smith and Edmonston, 1997; Pew Research Center, "Today's newly arrived immigrants are the best-educated ever," 2015



### Immigrant entrepreneurship

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

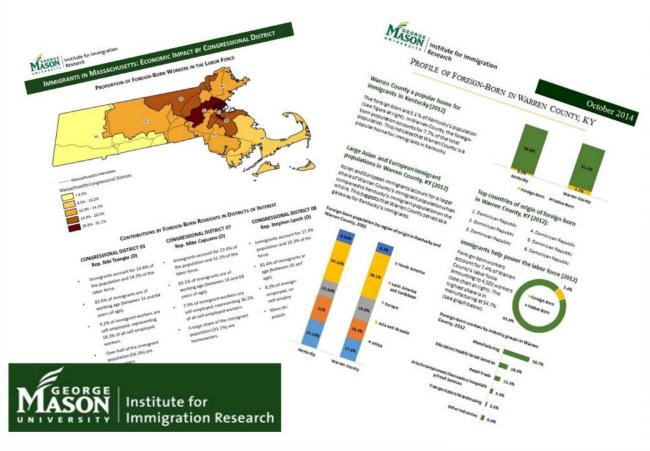
- Share of pop.: 13.1%
- Share of labor force: 15.9%





**Source:** David Dyssegaard Kallick, Immigrant Small Business Owners: A Significant and Growing Part of the Economy, 2012

### Immigration Data on Demand





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