



## U.S. Immigrant Pop. Hit Record 43.7 Million in 2016

Overall growth slowed, but Middle Eastern, non-Mexico Latin American, Asian, and sub-Saharan African populations grew substantially

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On September 14, 2017, the Census Bureau released some data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS) that shows uneven growth in the immigrant population in the last year. The number of immigrants (legal and illegal) from the Middle East, Latin American countries other than Mexico, Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa grew significantly, while the number from some places, such as Mexico, Europe, and Canada, grew not at all or even declined. The Census Bureau refers to immigrants as the foreign-born, which includes all those who were not U.S. citizens at birth. The Department of Homeland Security has previously estimated that 1.9 million immigrants are missed by the ACS, so the total immigrant population in 2016 was likely 45.6 million.<sup>1</sup>

Among the findings in the new data:

- The nation's immigrant population (legal and illegal) hit a record 43.7 million in July 2016, an increase of half a million since 2015, 3.8 million since 2010, and 12.6 million since 2000.
- As a share of the U.S. population, immigrants (legal and illegal) comprised 13.5 percent, or one out of eight U.S. residents in 2016, the highest percentage in 106 years. As recently as 1980, just one out of 16 residents was foreign-born.
- Between 2010 and 2016, 8.1 million new immigrants settled in the United States. New arrivals are offset by the roughly 300,000 immigrants who return home each year and annual natural mortality of about 300,000 among the existing foreign-born population.<sup>2</sup> As a result, growth in the immigrant population was 3.8 million 2010 to 2016.<sup>3</sup>
- In addition to immigrants, there were slightly more than 16.6 million U.S.-born minor children with an immigrant parent in 2016, for a total of 60.4 million immigrants and their children in the country.<sup>4</sup> Immigrants and their minor children now account for nearly one in five U.S. residents.
- Mexican immigrants (legal and illegal) were by far the largest foreign-born population in the country in 2016. Mexico is the top sending country, with 1.1 million new immigrants arriving from Mexico between 2010 and 2016, or one out of eight new arrivals. However, because of return migration and natural mortality among the existing population, the overall Mexican-born population has not grown in the last six years.<sup>5</sup>
- The sending regions with the largest numerical increases in the number of immigrants living in the United States 2015 to 2016 were the Caribbean (up 120,522), the Middle East (up 109,113), Central America (up 70,664), Sub-Saharan Africa (up 67,198), South Asia (up 64,902), and South America (up 61,462).<sup>6</sup>
- Longer term, the regions with the largest numerical increases 2010 to 2016 were East Asia (up 892,209), South Asia (up 889,878), the Caribbean (up 554,903), the Middle East (up 471,029), Sub-Saharan Africa (up 456,989), Central America (up 402,784), and South America (up 249,660).

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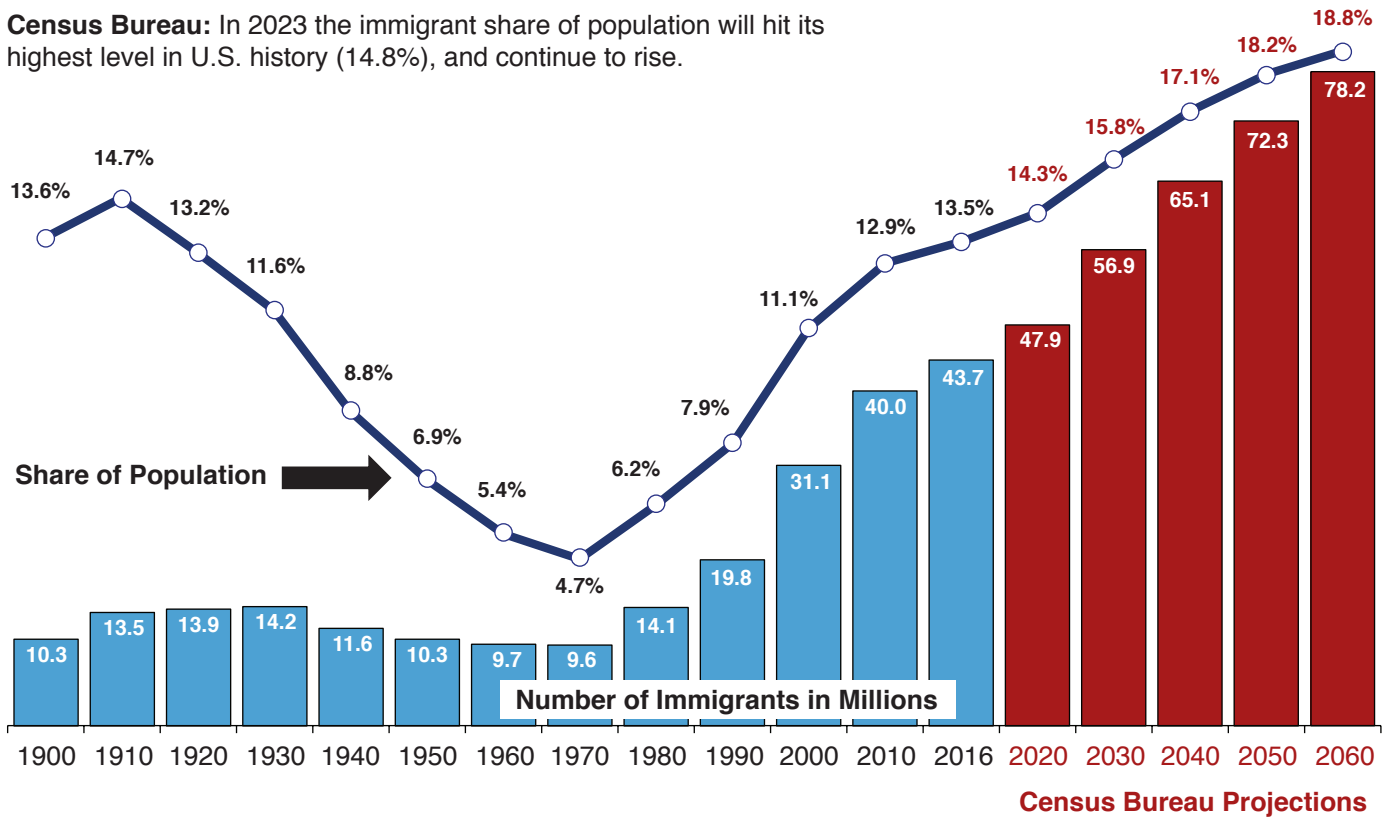
- The sending countries with the largest numerical increases since 2010 were India (up 654,202), China (up 550,022), the Dominican Republic (up 206,134), El Salvador (up 172,973), Cuba (up 166,939), the Philippines (up 164,077), Honduras (up 128,478), Vietnam (up 112,218), Venezuela (up 106,185), Guatemala (up 104,883), Nigeria (up 87,565), Pakistan (up 83,271), Haiti (up 81,074), Bangladesh (up 80,949), Jamaica (up 76,532), Ethiopia (up 71,332), Brazil (up 69,982), Colombia (up 68,032), Iraq (up 61,787), Burma (also known as Myanmar, up 60,294), Nepal (up 59,992), and Saudi Arabia (up 54,833).
- The sending countries with the largest percentage increases in the number of immigrants living in the United States since 2010 were Saudi Arabia (up 122 percent), Nepal (86 percent), Afghanistan (up 74 percent), Burma (up 73 percent), Syria (up 62 percent), Venezuela (up 58 percent), Bangladesh (up 53 percent), Kenya (up 46 percent), Ethiopia (up 41 percent), Nigeria (up 40 percent), Iraq (up 39 percent), Ghana (up 37 percent), India (up 37 percent), Egypt (up 32 percent), Pakistan (up 28 percent), and China (up 25 percent).
- The states with the largest numerical increases in the number of immigrants from 2010 to 2016 were Texas (up 587,889), Florida (up 578,468), California (up 527,234), New York (up 238,503), New Jersey (up 171,504), Massachusetts (up 140,318), Washington (up 134,132), Pennsylvania (up 131,845), Virginia (up 120,050), Maryland (up 118,175), Georgia (up 95,353), Nevada (up 78,341), Arizona (up 78,220), Michigan (up 74,532), Minnesota (up 73,953), and North Carolina (up 70,501).
- The states with the largest percentage increases in the number of immigrants 2010 to 2016 were North Dakota (up 48 percent), West Virginia (up 41 percent), South Dakota (up 39 percent), Delaware (up 24 percent), Nebraska (up 20 percent), Minnesota (up 20 percent), Wyoming (up 19 percent), Pennsylvania (up 18 percent), Alaska (up 16 percent), Indiana (up 16 percent), Florida (up 16 percent), Nevada (up 15 percent), Washington (up 15 percent), Iowa (up 15 percent), Maryland (up 15 percent), Massachusetts (up 14 percent), Texas (up 14 percent), Utah (up 13 percent), Wisconsin (up 13 percent), and Virginia (up 13 percent).

**Data Source.** On September 14, the Census Bureau released some of the data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS). The survey reflects the U.S. population as of July 1, 2016. The ACS is by far the largest survey taken by the federal government each year and includes over two million households.<sup>7</sup> The Census Bureau has posted some of the results from the ACS to its American FactFinder website.<sup>8</sup> It has not released the public-use version of the ACS for researchers to download and analyze. However, a good deal of information can be found at FactFinder. Unless otherwise indicated, the information in this analysis comes directly from FactFinder.

The immigrant population, referred to as the foreign-born by the Census Bureau, is comprised of those individuals who were not U.S. citizens at birth. It includes naturalized citizens, legal permanent residents (green card holders), temporary workers and foreign students, and illegal immigrants. It does not include those born to immigrants in the United States, including to illegal immigrant parents, or those born in outlying U.S. territories, such as Puerto Rico. Prior research by the Department of Homeland Security and others indicates that some 90 percent of illegal immigrants respond to the ACS. Thus all the figures reported above are for both legal and illegal immigrants.

## Immigrants in the U.S., Number and Percent, 1900-2016 Plus Census Bureau Projections to 2060

**Census Bureau:** In 2023 the immigrant share of population will hit its highest level in U.S. history (14.8%), and continue to rise.



**Source:** Decennial census for 1900 to 2000, American Community Survey for 2010 and 2016. For 2020 to 2060, see [Census projections through 2060](#).

Table 1. Immigrant Population in the U.S. by Country & Region 1990-2016

Region	1990	2000	2010	2015	2016	Growth 2010-2016	% Growth 2010-2016
<b>East Asia</b>	<b>3,759,346</b>	<b>5,822,450</b>	<b>7,516,059</b>	<b>8,363,368</b>	<b>8,408,268</b>	<b>892,209</b>	<b>12%</b>
China	921,070	1,518,652	2,166,526	2,676,697	2,716,548	550,022	25%
Korea	568,397	864,125	1,100,422	1,060,019	1,041,727	(58,695)	-5%
Vietnam	543,262	988,174	1,240,542	1,300,515	1,352,760	112,218	9%
Philippines	912,674	1,369,070	1,777,588	1,982,369	1,941,665	164,077	9%
Burma	19,835	33,905	82,200	137,567	142,494	60,294	73%
Thailand	106,919	169,801	222,759	247,205	253,585	30,826	14%
<b>South Asia</b>	<b>579,993</b>	<b>1,341,323</b>	<b>2,346,637</b>	<b>3,171,613</b>	<b>3,236,515</b>	<b>889,878</b>	<b>38%</b>
India	450,406	1,022,552	1,780,322	2,389,639	2,434,524	654,202	37%
Pakistan	91,889	223,477	299,581	379,435	382,852	83,271	28%
Bangladesh	21,414	95,294	153,691	228,682	234,640	80,949	53%
Nepal	2,262	11,859	69,458	120,886	129,450	59,992	86%
<b>Caribbean</b>	<b>1,947,435</b>	<b>2,961,737</b>	<b>3,738,920</b>	<b>4,173,301</b>	<b>4,293,823</b>	<b>554,903</b>	<b>15%</b>
Cuba	736,971	872,716	1,104,679	1,210,674	1,271,618	166,939	15%
Dominican Republic	347,858	687,677	879,187	1,063,239	1,085,321	206,134	23%
Jamaica	334,140	553,827	659,771	711,134	736,303	76,532	12%
Haiti	225,393	419,317	587,149	675,546	668,223	81,074	14%
<b>Central America</b>	<b>1,133,978</b>	<b>2,026,150</b>	<b>3,052,509</b>	<b>3,384,629</b>	<b>3,455,293</b>	<b>402,784</b>	<b>13%</b>
El Salvador	465,433	817,336	1,214,049	1,352,357	1,387,022	172,973	14%
Guatemala	225,739	480,665	830,824	927,593	935,707	104,883	13%
Honduras	108,923	282,852	522,581	599,030	651,059	128,478	25%
<b>South America</b>	<b>1,037,497</b>	<b>1,930,271</b>	<b>2,729,831</b>	<b>2,918,029</b>	<b>2,979,491</b>	<b>249,660</b>	<b>9%</b>
Colombia	286,124	509,872	636,555	699,399	704,587	68,032	11%
Peru	144,199	278,186	428,547	445,921	427,445	(1,102)	0%
Ecuador	143,314	298,626	443,173	441,257	439,123	(4,050)	-1%
Brazil	82,489	212,428	339,613	361,374	409,595	69,982	21%
Venezuela	42,119	107,031	184,039	255,520	290,224	106,185	58%
Guyana	120,698	211,189	265,271	281,408	266,368	1,097	0%
<b>Middle East</b>	<b>728,682</b>	<b>1,187,692</b>	<b>1,611,897</b>	<b>1,973,813</b>	<b>2,082,926</b>	<b>471,029</b>	<b>29%</b>
Iran	210,941	283,226	356,756	394,223	386,073	29,317	8%
Iraq	44,916	89,892	159,800	215,193	221,587	61,787	39%
Egypt	66,313	113,396	137,799	185,872	181,677	43,878	32%
Israel	86,048	109,719	127,896	129,680	142,078	14,182	11%
Lebanon	86,369	105,910	121,000	119,613	128,608	7,608	6%
Saudi Arabia	12,632	21,881	45,016	96,783	99,849	54,833	122%
Syria	36,782	54,561	59,554	82,681	96,694	37,140	62%
Afghanistan	28,444	45,195	54,458	70,653	94,726	40,268	74%
<b>Europe</b>	<b>4,360,463</b>	<b>4,980,837</b>	<b>4,906,698</b>	<b>4,875,879</b>	<b>4,876,213</b>	<b>(30,485)</b>	<b>-1%</b>
United Kingdom	640,145	677,751	669,794	683,473	696,896	27,102	4%
Russia	n/a	340,177	383,166	386,529	397,236	14,070	4%
Italy	580,592	473,338	364,972	352,492	335,763	(29,209)	-8%
Ukraine	n/a	275,153	326,493	345,620	347,759	21,266	7%
Germany	711,929	706,704	604,616	585,298	563,985	(40,631)	-7%
<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>	<b>264,775</b>	<b>690,809</b>	<b>1,326,634</b>	<b>1,716,425</b>	<b>1,783,623</b>	<b>456,989</b>	<b>34%</b>
Nigeria	55,350	134,940	219,309	323,635	306,874	87,565	40%
Ethiopia	34,805	69,531	173,592	228,745	244,924	71,332	41%
Ghana	20,889	65,572	124,696	155,532	171,428	46,732	37%
Kenya	14,371	41,081	88,519	129,905	129,670	41,151	46%
Somalia	2,437	36,139	82,454	89,153	93,020	10,566	13%
<b>Mexico</b>	<b>4,298,014</b>	<b>9,177,487</b>	<b>11,711,103</b>	<b>11,643,298</b>	<b>11,573,680</b>	<b>(137,423)</b>	<b>-1%</b>
<b>Canada</b>	<b>744,830</b>	<b>820,771</b>	<b>798,649</b>	<b>830,628</b>	<b>783,206</b>	<b>(15,443)</b>	<b>-2%</b>
<b>Oceania/Elsewhere</b>	<b>912,303</b>	<b>168,362</b>	<b>216,736</b>	<b>238,663</b>	<b>265,863</b>	<b>49,127</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,767,316</b>	<b>31,107,889</b>	<b>39,955,673</b>	<b>43,289,646</b>	<b>43,738,901</b>	<b>3,783,228</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Predominantly Muslim Countries</b>	<b>840,595</b>	<b>1,518,755</b>	<b>2,184,664</b>	<b>2,701,544</b>	<b>2,824,272</b>	<b>639,608</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Latin America</b>	<b>8,416,924</b>	<b>16,095,645</b>	<b>21,232,363</b>	<b>22,119,257</b>	<b>22,302,287</b>	<b>1,069,924</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Latin America other than Mexico</b>	<b>4,118,910</b>	<b>6,918,158</b>	<b>9,521,260</b>	<b>10,475,959</b>	<b>10,728,607</b>	<b>1,207,347</b>	<b>13%</b>

**Source:** Data for 1990 and 2000 is from the decennial census. Data for 2010, 2015, and 2016 is from the American Community Survey from American Factfinder at Census.gov. Figures for 1990 are from Table 3 [here](#). Data for 2000 for Burma, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, Kenya, and Somalia are from the 2000 Decennial Census (5% sample) public-use data. See end note 6 for a list of all countries that can be identified in Census Bureau data and the region to which they are assigned.

**Table 2. Year of Arrival in 2016 by Region\***

	<b>Before 1990</b>	<b>1990- 1999</b>	<b>2000- 2009</b>	<b>2010- 2016</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,817,377</b>	<b>10,118,667</b>	<b>11,677,787</b>	<b>8,125,514</b>	<b>43,739,345</b>
Europe	2,096,533	1,082,388	907,622	698,724	4,785,267
Asia	3,992,421	2,736,118	3,284,314	3,448,228	13,461,081
Latin America	6,969,474	5,688,779	6,529,287	3,107,190	22,294,730
Caribbean	1,537,240	889,154	1,031,809	828,063	4,286,266
Mexico	3,664,639	3,370,925	3,465,717	1,072,399	11,573,680
Central America	940,394	757,267	1,131,479	626,153	3,455,293
South America	827,201	671,433	900,282	580,575	2,979,491
Other Areas	758,949	611,382	956,564	871,372	3,198,267

**Source:** 2016 American Community Survey from American Factfinder at Census.gov. The ACS asks respondents what year they came to the United States.

\* The Census Bureau groups regions in Factfinder in the manner shown.

**Table 3. State Immigrant Populations 1990 to 2016**

State	1990	2000	2010	2016	Growth 2010-2016	% Growth 2010-2016
Alabama	43,533	87,772	168,596	163,629	-4,967	-2.9%
Alaska	24,814	37,170	49,319	57,364	8,045	16.3%
Arizona	278,205	656,183	856,663	934,883	78,220	9.1%
Arkansas	24,867	73,690	131,667	138,592	6,925	5.3%
California	6,458,825	8,864,255	10,150,429	10,677,663	527,234	5.2%
Colorado	142,434	369,903	497,105	544,733	47,628	9.6%
Connecticut	279,383	369,967	487,120	514,050	26,930	5.5%
Delaware	22,275	44,898	71,868	89,391	17,523	24.4%
D.C.	58,887	73,561	81,734	90,631	8,897	10.9%
Florida	1,662,601	2,670,828	3,658,043	4,236,511	578,468	15.8%
Georgia	173,126	577,273	942,959	1,038,312	95,353	10.1%
Hawaii	162,704	212,229	248,213	262,485	14,272	5.7%
Idaho	28,905	64,080	87,098	97,953	10,855	12.5%
Illinois	952,272	1,529,058	1,759,859	1,783,474	23,615	1.3%
Indiana	94,263	186,534	300,789	349,169	48,380	16.1%
Iowa	43,316	91,085	139,477	160,189	20,712	14.8%
Kansas	62,840	134,735	186,942	205,522	18,580	9.9%
Kentucky	34,119	80,271	140,583	155,964	15,381	10.9%
Louisiana	87,407	115,885	172,866	189,921	17,055	9.9%
Maine	36,296	36,691	45,666	50,768	5,102	11.2%
Maryland	313,494	518,315	803,695	921,870	118,175	14.7%
Massachusetts	573,733	772,983	983,564	1,123,882	140,318	14.3%
Michigan	355,393	523,589	587,747	662,279	74,532	12.7%
Minnesota	113,039	260,463	378,483	452,436	73,953	19.5%
Mississippi	20,383	39,908	61,428	58,766	-2,662	-4.3%
Missouri	83,633	151,196	232,537	249,202	16,665	7.2%
Montana	13,779	16,396	20,031	21,893	1,862	9.3%
Nebraska	28,198	74,638	112,178	134,137	21,959	19.6%
Nevada	104,828	316,593	508,458	586,799	78,341	15.4%
New Hampshire	41,193	54,154	69,742	76,309	6,567	9.4%
New Jersey	966,610	1,476,327	1,844,581	2,016,085	171,504	9.3%
New Mexico	80,514	149,606	205,141	198,406	-6,735	-3.3%
New York	2,851,861	3,868,133	4,297,612	4,536,115	238,503	5.5%
North Carolina	115,077	430,000	719,137	789,638	70,501	9.8%
North Dakota	9,388	12,114	16,639	24,588	7,949	47.8%
Ohio	259,673	339,279	469,748	513,592	43,844	9.3%
Oklahoma	65,489	131,747	206,382	228,414	22,032	10.7%
Oregon	139,307	289,702	375,743	394,217	18,474	4.9%
Pennsylvania	369,316	508,291	739,068	870,913	131,845	17.8%
Rhode Island	95,088	119,277	134,335	148,480	14,145	10.5%
South Carolina	49,964	115,978	218,494	237,964	19,470	8.9%
South Dakota	7,731	13,495	22,238	30,926	8,688	39.1%
Tennessee	59,114	159,004	288,993	320,021	31,028	10.7%
Texas	1,524,436	2,899,642	4,142,031	4,729,920	587,889	14.2%
Utah	58,600	158,664	222,638	252,333	29,695	13.3%
Vermont	17,544	23,245	27,560	28,223	663	2.4%
Virginia	311,809	570,279	911,119	1,031,169	120,050	13.2%
Washington	322,144	614,457	886,262	1,020,394	134,132	15.1%
West Virginia	15,712	19,390	22,511	31,770	9,259	41.1%
Wisconsin	121,547	193,751	254,920	288,544	33,624	13.2%
Wyoming	7,647	11,205	15,843	18,856	3,013	19.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,767,316</b>	<b>31,107,889</b>	<b>39,955,854</b>	<b>43,739,345</b>	<b>3,783,491</b>	<b>9.5%</b>

**Source:** Figures for 1990 and 2000 are from the decennial census. Figures for 2010 and 2016 are from the American Community Survey. Figures for 2000, 2010, and 2016 are from American FactFinder at Census.gov. 1990 figures are from Table 14 [here](#).

Table 4. Immigrant Share by State

State	1990	2000	2010	2016
Alabama	1.1%	2.0%	3.5%	3.4%
Alaska	4.5%	5.9%	6.9%	7.7%
Arizona	7.6%	12.8%	13.4%	13.5%
Arkansas	1.1%	2.8%	4.5%	4.6%
California	21.7%	26.2%	27.2%	27.2%
Colorado	4.3%	8.6%	9.8%	9.8%
Connecticut	8.5%	10.9%	13.6%	14.4%
Delaware	3.3%	5.7%	8.0%	9.4%
D.C.	9.7%	12.9%	13.5%	13.3%
Florida	12.9%	16.7%	19.4%	20.6%
Georgia	2.7%	7.1%	9.7%	10.1%
Hawaii	14.7%	17.5%	18.2%	18.4%
Idaho	2.9%	5.0%	5.5%	5.8%
Illinois	8.3%	12.3%	13.7%	13.9%
Indiana	1.7%	3.1%	4.6%	5.3%
Iowa	1.6%	3.1%	4.6%	5.1%
Kansas	2.5%	5.0%	6.5%	7.1%
Kentucky	0.9%	2.0%	3.2%	3.5%
Louisiana	2.1%	2.6%	3.8%	4.1%
Maine	3.0%	2.9%	3.4%	3.8%
Maryland	6.6%	9.8%	13.9%	15.3%
Massachusetts	9.5%	12.2%	15.0%	16.5%
Michigan	3.8%	5.3%	6.0%	6.7%
Minnesota	2.6%	5.3%	7.1%	8.2%
Mississippi	0.8%	1.4%	2.1%	2.0%
Missouri	1.6%	2.7%	3.9%	4.1%
Montana	1.7%	1.8%	2.0%	2.1%
Nebraska	1.8%	4.4%	6.1%	7.0%
Nevada	8.7%	15.8%	18.8%	20.0%
New Hampshire	3.7%	4.4%	5.3%	5.7%
New Jersey	12.5%	17.5%	21.0%	22.5%
New Mexico	5.3%	8.2%	9.9%	9.5%
New York	15.9%	20.4%	22.2%	23.0%
North Carolina	1.7%	5.3%	7.5%	7.8%
North Dakota	1.5%	1.9%	2.5%	3.2%
Ohio	2.4%	3.0%	4.1%	4.4%
Oklahoma	2.1%	3.8%	5.5%	5.8%
Oregon	4.9%	8.5%	9.8%	9.6%
Pennsylvania	3.1%	4.1%	5.8%	6.8%
Rhode Island	9.5%	11.4%	12.8%	14.1%
South Carolina	1.4%	2.9%	4.7%	4.8%
South Dakota	1.1%	1.8%	2.7%	3.6%
Tennessee	1.2%	2.8%	4.5%	4.8%
Texas	9.0%	13.9%	16.4%	17.0%
Utah	3.4%	7.1%	8.0%	8.3%
Vermont	3.1%	3.8%	4.4%	4.5%
Virginia	5.0%	8.1%	11.4%	12.3%
Washington	6.6%	10.4%	13.1%	14.0%
West Virginia	0.9%	1.1%	1.2%	1.7%
Wisconsin	2.5%	3.6%	4.5%	5.0%
Wyoming	1.7%	2.3%	2.8%	3.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	<b>11.1%</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>13.5%</b>

**Source:** Figures for 1990 and 2000 are from the decennial census. Figures for 2010 and 2016 are from the American Community Survey. Figures for 2000, 2010, and 2016 are from American Fact-Finder at [Census.gov](https://www.census.gov). 1990 figures are from Table 14 [here](#).



## End Notes

<sup>1</sup> Bryan Baker and Nancy Rytina, [“Estimates of the Unauthorized Immigrant Population Residing in the United States: January 2012”](#), Office of Immigration Statistics within DHS, March 2013. See Table 2 on page 4.

<sup>2</sup> In addition to asking about citizenship and country of birth, The ACS also asks immigrants what year they came to the United States.

<sup>3</sup> It is possible to roughly estimate out-migration from the data released so far. Given the characteristics of immigrants by age, race, and sex, there were likely about 1.74 million deaths in this population 2010 to 2016. The number of new arrivals 2010 to 2016 was 8.13 million. However, this figure includes all of 2010 while growth 2010 to 2016 (3.78 million) in the ACS is measured from July 1, 2010, to July 1, 2016, which is the population control date for the survey. Excluding one-half of the new arrivals in 2010 so that arrivals correspond to the growth figures means new immigration from July to July equaled about 7.45 million. Out-migration can be estimated using the following formula:  $\text{Outmigration} = \text{new arrivals} - (\text{growth} + \text{deaths})$ . Plugging in the numbers we get the following:  $1.93 \text{ million} = 7.45 \text{ million} - (3.78 \text{ million} + 1.74 \text{ million})$ . This implies a rough estimate of 1.93 million immigrants left the United States during the six years from 2010 to 2016, or about 320,000 annually. This figure includes legal and illegal immigrants.

<sup>4</sup> The figure for immigrants is from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS). The figure for children is from the public-use files of the 2016 and 2017 Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC) and are for those under age 18 born in the United States with either a mother or father born outside of the United States. Unlike the ACS, the CPS ASEC does ask all respondents about their parents' places of birth, including children. The CPS ASEC is collected in March each year. The 2016 survey showed 16.5 million U.S.-born children with at least one immigrant parent and the 2017 survey showed 16.88 million kids. Based on the 2016 and 2017 CPS ASEC data there were 16.63 million U.S.-born minor children of immigrants in the country in July 2016.

<sup>5</sup> Using the same method to estimate outmigration used in end note 3 indicates that roughly 630,000 people from Mexico returned home between 2010 and 2016. The one million new arrivals from that country means that the net migration of Mexican immigrants is not, as sometimes reported, zero. However, the net zero migration estimates that are often reported in the media include the U.S.-born children who go to Mexico with their immigrant parents. When American citizen children are counted then net migration from Mexico is roughly zero. There were also roughly 487,000 deaths among this population between 2010 and 2016.

<sup>6</sup> Regions are defined in the following manner: **East Asia:** China (including Hong Kong and Taiwan), Japan, Korea, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Burma, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Other South Eastern Asia, Other Eastern Asia, Asia n.e.c. **South Asia:** Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka. **Caribbean:** Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies, Other Caribbean, Other Northern America. **Central America:** Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Other Central America. **South America:** Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Other South America. **Middle East:** Afghanistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Yemen, Turkey, Egypt, Morocco, Sudan, Other Northern Africa, Other South Central Asia, Other Western Asia. **Europe:** United Kingdom, Ireland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Other Northern Europe, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, Other Western Europe, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Albania, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Armenia, Other Southern Europe, Other Eastern Europe, Europe, n.e.c. **Sub-Saharan Africa:** Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Other Eastern Africa, Cameroon, South Africa, Other Southern Africa, Cape Verde, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Other Western Africa, Other Middle Africa, Africa n.e.c. **Oceania/Elsewhere:** Australia, Oceania, Pacific Islands, Fiji, and elsewhere. **Predominately Muslim Countries** includes the following: the Middle East (excluding Israel) as well as Bangladesh, Pakistan, Somalia, Indonesia, and Malaysia. Country list reflects 2010 and 2016; in 2000 the list of specific countries was less detailed.

<sup>7</sup> Detailed information on the American Community Survey methodology, questions, and other topics on the can be found [here](#).

<sup>8</sup> Much of the data for the foreign-born used in this analysis can be found on FactFinder.