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## Record 44.5 Million Immigrants in 2017

Non-Mexico Latin American, Asian, and African populations grew most

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On September 13, the Census Bureau released some data from the 2017 American Community Survey (ACS) that shows significant growth in the immigrant (legal and illegal) population living in the United States. The number of immigrants (legal and illegal) from Latin American countries other than Mexico, Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa grew significantly, while the number from Mexico, Europe, and Canada stayed about the same or even declined since 2010. 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 number of immigrants in 2017 was likely 46.4 million.<sup>1</sup>

### Immigration Brief: How Many Immigrants Are in the United States?



Among the findings in the new data:

- The nation's immigrant population (legal and illegal) hit a record 44.5 million in July 2017, an increase of nearly 800,000 since 2016, 4.6 million since 2010, and 13.4 million since 2000.

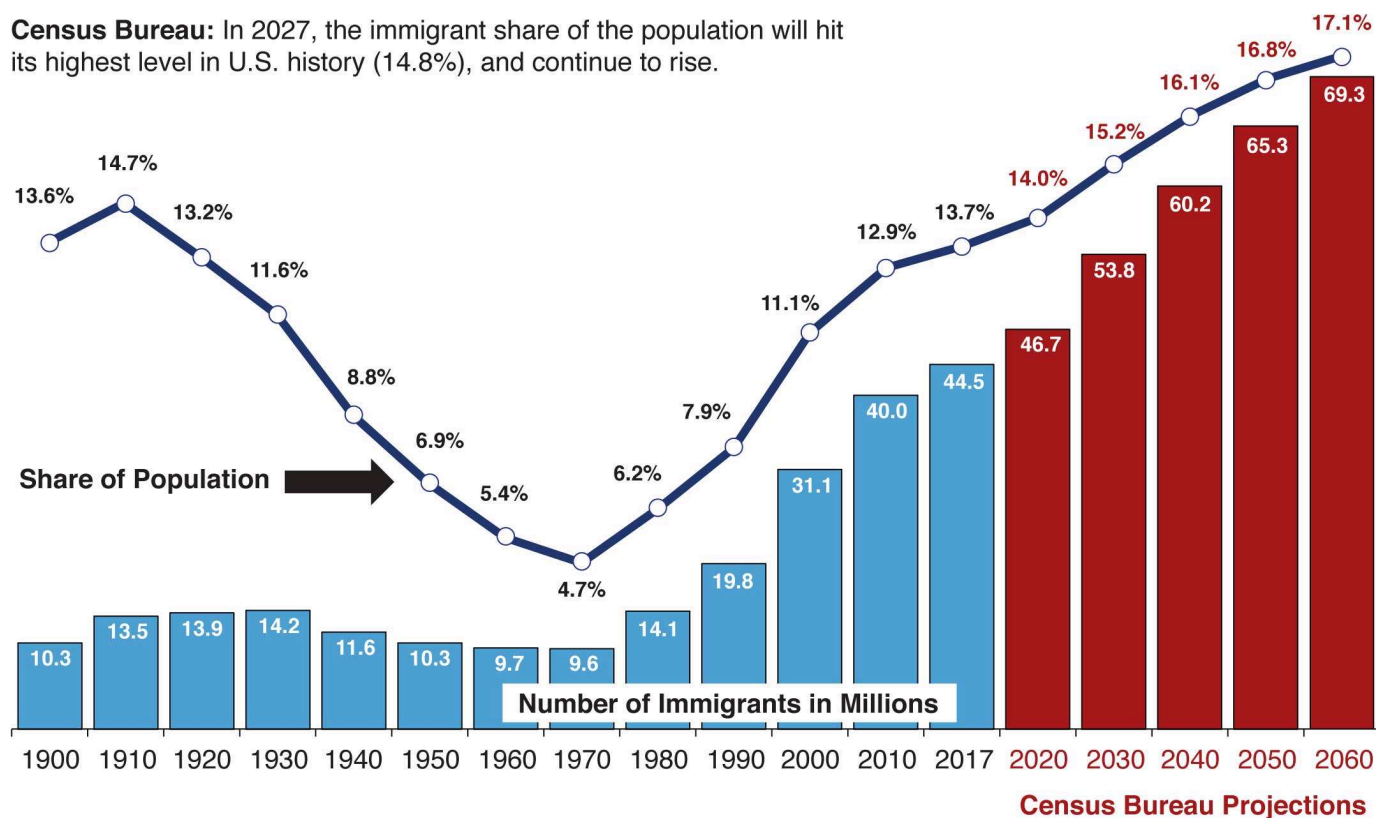
- It is worth noting that the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey (CPS), released the same week but collected in March 2018, shows 45.4 million immigrants, an increase of 1.6 million over the prior year. While the CPS is smaller than the ACS, the newer survey may indicate the pace of growth has accelerated.
- As a share of the U.S. population, the ACS (used in the remainder of this report) shows that immigrants (legal and illegal) comprised 13.7 percent or nearly one out of seven U.S. residents in 2017, the highest percentage in 107 years. As recently as 1980, just one out of 16 residents was foreign-born.
- Between 2010 and 2017, 9.5 million new immigrants settled in the United States. New arrivals are offset by roughly 320,000 immigrants who return home each year and natural mortality of about 290,000 annually among the existing immigrant population.<sup>2</sup> As a result, growth in the immigrant population was 4.6 million from 2010 to 2017.<sup>3</sup>
- In addition to immigrants, there were 17.1 million U.S.-born minor children with an immigrant parent in 2017, for a total of 61.6 million immigrants and their children in the country — accounting for one in five U.S. residents.<sup>4</sup>
- Of immigrants who have come since 2010, 13 percent or 1.2 million came from Mexico — by far the top sending country. However, because of return migration and natural mortality among the existing population, the overall Mexican-born population actually declined by 441,190.<sup>5</sup>
- The sending regions with the largest numerical increases from 2016 to 2017 in the number of immigrants living in the United States were South America (up 233,696); East Asia (up 226,728); South Asia (up 216,495); Sub-Saharan Africa (up 149,846); the Caribbean (up 121,120); and Central America (up 71,720).<sup>6</sup>
- Looking longer term, the regions with the largest numerical increases since 2010 were East Asia, (up 1,118,937); South Asia (up 1,106,373); the Caribbean (up 676,023); Sub-Saharan Africa (up 606,835); South America (up 483,356); Central America (up 474,504); and the Middle East (up 472,554).
- The decline in Mexican immigrants masks, to some extent, the enormous growth of Latin American immigrants. If seen as one region, the number from Latin America (excluding Mexico) grew 426,536 in just the last year and 1.6 million since 2010 — significantly more than from any other part of the world.
- The sending countries with the largest *numerical* increases in immigrants in the United States between 2010 and 2017 were India (up 830,215); China (up 677,312); the Dominican Republic (up 283,381); the Philippines (up 230,492); Cuba (up 207,124); El Salvador (up 187,783); Venezuela (up 167,105); Colombia (up 146,477); Honduras (up 132,781); Guatemala (up 128,018); Nigeria (up 125,670); Brazil (up 111,471); Vietnam (up 102,026); Bangladesh (up 95,005); Haiti (up 92,603); and Pakistan (up 92,395).
- The sending countries with the largest *percentage* increases in immigrants since 2010 were Nepal (up 120 percent); Burma (up 95 percent); Venezuela (up 91 percent); Afghanistan (up 84 percent); Saudi Arabia (up 83 percent); Syria (up 75 percent); Bangladesh (up 62 percent); Nigeria (up 57 percent); Kenya (up 56 percent); India (up 47 percent); Iraq (up 45 percent); Ethiopia (up 44 percent); Egypt (up 34 percent); Brazil (up 33 percent); the Dominican Republic (up 32 percent); Ghana (up 32 percent); China (up 31 percent); Pakistan (up 31 percent); and Somalia (up 29 percent).
- The states with the largest *numerical* increases since 2010 were Florida (up 721,298); Texas (up 712,109); California (up 502,985); New York (up 242,769); New Jersey (up 210,481); Washington (up 173,891); Massachusetts (up 172,908); Pennsylvania (up 154,701); Virginia (up 151,251); Maryland (up 124,241); Georgia (123,009); Michigan (up 116,059); North Carolina (up 110,279); and Minnesota (up 107,760).
- The states with the largest *percentage* increases since 2010 were North Dakota (up 87 percent); Delaware (up 37 percent); West Virginia (up 33 percent); South Dakota (up 32 percent); Wyoming (up 30 percent); Minnesota (up 28 percent); Nebraska (up 28 percent); Pennsylvania (up 21 percent); Utah (up 21 percent); and Tennessee, Kentucky, Michigan, Florida, Washington, and Iowa (all up 20 percent).

**Data Source.** On September 13, 2018, the Census Bureau released some of the data from the 2017 American Community Survey (ACS). The survey reflects the U.S. population as of July 1, 2017. 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. 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.

**Figure 1. Immigrants in the U.S., Number and Percent, 1900-2017  
Plus Census Bureau Projections to 2060**

**Census Bureau:** In 2027, the immigrant share of the 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 2017. For 2020 to 2060, see [Census projections through 2060](#). Historical numbers from the decennial censuses can be found at the Census Bureau's website. They show that in 1890 the foreign-born share reached 14.77 percent of the U.S. population and fell for a time, but again reached 14.70 percent in 1910. These two figures represent the highest share ever recorded. Table 8 of the new projections shows that the foreign-born population will reach 14.82 percent in 2027, making it the highest percentage ever recorded.

Table 1. Immigrant Population in the U.S. by Country &amp; Region 1990-2017

Region	1990	2000	2010	2016	2017	Growth 2010-2017	% Growth 2010-2017
<b>East Asia</b>	<b>3,759,346</b>	<b>5,822,450</b>	<b>7,516,059</b>	<b>8,408,268</b>	<b>8,634,996</b>	<b>1,118,937</b>	<b>15%</b>
China	921,070	1,518,652	2,166,526	2,716,548	2,843,838	677,312	31%
Korea	568,397	864,125	1,100,422	1,041,727	1,063,074	(37,348)	-3%
Vietnam	543,262	988,174	1,240,542	1,352,760	1,342,568	102,026	8%
Philippines	912,674	1,369,070	1,777,588	1,941,665	2,008,080	230,492	13%
Burma	19,835	33,905	82,200	142,494	160,275	78,075	95%
Thailand	106,919	169,801	222,759	253,585	256,136	33,377	15%
<b>South Asia</b>	<b>579,993</b>	<b>1,341,323</b>	<b>2,346,637</b>	<b>3,236,515</b>	<b>3,453,010</b>	<b>1,106,373</b>	<b>47%</b>
India	450,406	1,022,552	1,780,322	2,434,524	2,610,537	830,215	47%
Pakistan	91,889	223,477	299,581	382,852	391,976	92,395	31%
Bangladesh	21,414	95,294	153,691	234,640	248,696	95,005	62%
Nepal	2,262	11,859	69,458	129,450	152,685	83,227	120%
<b>Caribbean</b>	<b>1,947,435</b>	<b>2,961,737</b>	<b>3,738,920</b>	<b>4,293,823</b>	<b>4,414,943</b>	<b>676,023</b>	<b>18%</b>
Cuba	736,971	872,716	1,104,679	1,271,618	1,311,803	207,124	19%
Dominican Republic	347,858	687,677	879,187	1,085,321	1,162,568	283,381	32%
Jamaica	334,140	553,827	659,771	736,303	744,658	84,887	13%
Haiti	225,393	419,317	587,149	668,223	679,752	92,603	16%
<b>Central America</b>	<b>1,133,978</b>	<b>2,026,150</b>	<b>3,052,509</b>	<b>3,455,293</b>	<b>3,527,013</b>	<b>474,504</b>	<b>16%</b>
El Salvador	465,433	817,336	1,214,049	1,387,022	1,401,832	187,783	15%
Guatemala	225,739	480,665	830,824	935,707	958,842	128,018	15%
Honduras	108,923	282,852	522,581	651,059	655,362	132,781	25%
<b>South America</b>	<b>1,037,497</b>	<b>1,930,271</b>	<b>2,729,831</b>	<b>2,979,491</b>	<b>3,213,187</b>	<b>483,356</b>	<b>18%</b>
Colombia	286,124	509,872	636,555	704,587	783,032	146,477	23%
Peru	144,199	278,186	428,547	427,445	458,785	30,238	7%
Ecuador	143,314	298,626	443,173	439,123	454,178	11,005	2%
Brazil	82,489	212,428	339,613	409,595	451,084	111,471	33%
Venezuela	42,119	107,031	184,039	290,224	351,144	167,105	91%
Guyana	120,698	211,189	265,271	266,368	268,577	3,306	1%
<b>Middle East</b>	<b>728,682</b>	<b>1,187,692</b>	<b>1,611,897</b>	<b>2,082,926</b>	<b>2,084,451</b>	<b>472,554</b>	<b>29%</b>
Iran	210,941	283,226	356,756	386,073	395,429	38,673	11%
Iraq	44,916	89,892	159,800	221,587	232,418	72,618	45%
Egypt	66,313	113,396	137,799	181,677	184,359	46,560	34%
Israel	86,048	109,719	127,896	142,078	142,934	15,038	12%
Lebanon	86,369	105,910	121,000	128,608	124,847	3,847	3%
Saudi Arabia	12,632	21,881	45,016	99,849	82,201	37,185	83%
Syria	36,782	54,561	59,554	96,694	104,234	44,680	75%
Afghanistan	28,444	45,195	54,458	94,726	100,367	45,909	84%
<b>Europe</b>	<b>4,360,463</b>	<b>4,980,837</b>	<b>4,906,698</b>	<b>4,876,213</b>	<b>4,913,608</b>	<b>6,910</b>	<b>0%</b>
United Kingdom	640,145	677,751	669,794	696,896	702,567	32,773	5%
Russia	n/a	340,177	383,166	397,236	403,670	20,504	5%
Italy	580,592	473,338	364,972	335,763	333,911	(31,061)	-9%
Ukraine	n/a	275,153	326,493	347,759	354,494	28,001	9%
Germany	711,929	706,704	604,616	563,985	552,640	(51,976)	-9%
<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>	<b>264,775</b>	<b>690,809</b>	<b>1,326,634</b>	<b>1,783,623</b>	<b>1,933,469</b>	<b>606,835</b>	<b>46%</b>
Nigeria	55,350	134,940	219,309	306,874	344,979	125,670	57%
Ethiopia	34,805	69,531	173,592	244,924	249,991	76,399	44%
Ghana	20,889	65,572	124,696	171,428	164,610	39,914	32%
Kenya	14,371	41,081	88,519	129,670	138,150	49,631	56%
Somalia	2,437	36,139	82,454	93,020	106,525	24,071	29%
<b>Mexico</b>	<b>4,298,014</b>	<b>9,177,487</b>	<b>11,711,103</b>	<b>11,573,680</b>	<b>11,269,913</b>	<b>(441,190)</b>	<b>-4%</b>
<b>Canada</b>	<b>744,830</b>	<b>820,771</b>	<b>798,649</b>	<b>783,206</b>	<b>809,267</b>	<b>10,618</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Oceania/Elsewhere</b>	<b>912,303</b>	<b>168,362</b>	<b>216,736</b>	<b>265,863</b>	<b>271,601</b>	<b>54,865</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,767,316</b>	<b>31,107,889</b>	<b>39,955,673</b>	<b>43,738,901</b>	<b>44,525,458</b>	<b>4,569,785</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Predominantly Muslim Countries</b>	<b>840,595</b>	<b>1,518,755</b>	<b>2,184,664</b>	<b>2,824,272</b>	<b>2,864,397</b>	<b>679,733</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Latin America</b>	<b>8,416,924</b>	<b>16,095,645</b>	<b>21,232,363</b>	<b>22,302,287</b>	<b>22,425,056</b>	<b>1,192,693</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Latin America other than Mexico</b>	<b>4,118,910</b>	<b>6,918,158</b>	<b>9,521,260</b>	<b>10,728,607</b>	<b>11,155,143</b>	<b>1,633,883</b>	<b>17%</b>

**Source:** Data for 1990 and 2000 is from the decennial census. Data for 2010 and 2017 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 2017 by Region\***

	<b>Before 1990</b>	<b>1990- 1999</b>	<b>2000- 2009</b>	<b>2010- 2017</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total</b>	13,665,690	9,929,442	11,443,394	9,487,329	44,525,855
Europe	2,033,101	1,071,186	896,395	817,980	4,818,662
Asia	3,973,079	2,751,482	3,290,143	3,893,140	13,907,844
Latin America	6,913,597	5,509,412	6,307,648	3,694,399	22,425,056
Caribbean	1,520,314	872,231	1,047,697	974,701	4,414,943
Central America	4,525,536	3,956,585	4,355,279	1,959,526	14,796,926
Mexico	3,570,908	3,203,302	3,275,073	1,220,630	11,269,913
Other Central America	954,628	753,283	1,080,206	738,896	3,527,013
South America	867,747	680,596	904,672	760,172	3,213,187
Other Areas	745,913	597,362	949,208	1,081,810	3,374,293

**Source:** 2017 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 2017  
(ranked by percentage increase, 2010-2017)**

State	1990	2000	2010	2017	Growth 2010-2017	% Growth 2010-2017
N.D.	9,388	12,114	16,639	31,062	14,423	86.7%
Del.	22,275	44,898	71,868	98,493	26,625	37.0%
W.Va.	15,712	19,390	22,511	29,954	7,443	33.1%
S.D.	7,731	13,495	22,238	29,401	7,163	32.2%
Wyo.	7,647	11,205	15,843	20,520	4,677	29.5%
Minn.	113,039	260,463	378,483	486,243	107,760	28.5%
Neb.	28,198	74,638	112,178	143,331	31,153	27.8%
D.C.	58,887	73,561	81,734	101,860	20,126	24.6%
Pa.	369,316	508,291	739,068	893,769	154,701	20.9%
Utah	58,600	158,664	222,638	269,239	46,601	20.9%
Tenn.	59,114	159,004	288,993	347,754	58,761	20.3%
Ky.	34,119	80,271	140,583	169,085	28,502	20.3%
Mich.	355,393	523,589	587,747	703,806	116,059	19.7%
Fla.	1,662,601	2,670,828	3,658,043	4,379,341	721,298	19.7%
Wash.	322,144	614,457	886,262	1,060,153	173,891	19.6%
Iowa	43,316	91,085	139,477	166,728	27,251	19.5%
N.H.	41,193	54,154	69,742	83,167	13,425	19.2%
Alaska	24,814	37,170	49,319	58,187	8,868	18.0%
Mass.	573,733	772,983	983,564	1,156,472	172,908	17.6%
Nev.	104,828	316,593	508,458	596,019	87,561	17.2%
Texas	1,524,436	2,899,642	4,142,031	4,854,140	712,109	17.2%
Ind.	94,263	186,534	300,789	351,233	50,444	16.8%
Va.	311,809	570,279	911,119	1,062,370	151,251	16.6%
Idaho	28,905	64,080	87,098	101,140	14,042	16.1%
Md.	313,494	518,315	803,695	927,936	124,241	15.5%
Mont.	13,779	16,396	20,031	23,109	3,078	15.4%
N.C.	115,077	430,000	719,137	829,416	110,279	15.3%
Ga.	173,126	577,273	942,959	1,065,968	123,009	13.0%
Wisc.	121,547	193,751	254,920	288,052	33,132	13.0%
Ohio	259,673	339,279	469,748	528,291	58,543	12.5%
S.C.	49,964	115,978	218,494	244,294	25,800	11.8%
N.J.	966,610	1,476,327	1,844,581	2,055,062	210,481	11.4%
Colo.	142,434	369,903	497,105	550,768	53,663	10.8%
La.	87,407	115,885	172,866	191,403	18,537	10.7%
Mo.	83,633	151,196	232,537	257,102	24,565	10.6%
R.I.	95,088	119,277	134,335	147,017	12,682	9.4%
Conn.	279,383	369,967	487,120	530,245	43,125	8.9%
Ore.	139,307	289,702	375,743	408,718	32,975	8.8%
Okla.	65,489	131,747	206,382	223,883	17,501	8.5%
Ariz.	278,205	656,183	856,663	924,900	68,237	8.0%
Kan.	62,840	134,735	186,942	200,557	13,615	7.3%
Hawaii	162,704	212,229	248,213	265,565	17,352	7.0%
Miss.	20,383	39,908	61,428	65,718	4,290	7.0%
Ark.	24,867	73,690	131,667	140,078	8,411	6.4%
N.Y.	2,851,861	3,868,133	4,297,612	4,540,381	242,769	5.6%
Calif.	6,458,825	8,864,255	10,150,429	10,653,414	502,985	5.0%
Ill.	952,272	1,529,058	1,759,859	1,832,421	72,562	4.1%
Vt.	17,544	23,245	27,560	28,083	523	1.9%
Ala.	43,533	87,772	168,596	169,066	470	0.3%
Maine	36,296	36,691	45,666	45,433	-233	-0.5%
N.M.	80,514	149,606	205,141	195,508	-9,633	-4.7%
<b>Nation</b>	<b>19,767,316</b>	<b>31,107,889</b>	<b>39,955,854</b>	<b>44,525,855</b>	<b>4,570,001</b>	<b>11.4%</b>

**Source:** Figures for 1990 and 2000 are from the decennial census. Figures for 2010 and 2017 are from the American Community Survey on FactFinder at Census.gov. Figures for 1990 are from Table 14 [here](#).



Table 4. Immigrant Share by State

State	1990	2000	2010	2017
Calif.	21.7%	26.2%	27.2%	26.9%
N.Y.	15.9%	20.4%	22.2%	22.9%
N.J.	12.5%	17.5%	21.0%	22.8%
Fla.	12.9%	16.7%	19.4%	20.9%
Nev.	8.7%	15.8%	18.8%	19.9%
Hawaii	14.7%	17.5%	18.2%	18.6%
Texas	9.0%	13.9%	16.4%	17.1%
Mass.	9.5%	12.2%	15.0%	16.9%
Md.	6.6%	9.8%	13.9%	15.3%
Conn.	8.5%	10.9%	13.6%	14.8%
D.C.	9.7%	12.9%	13.5%	14.7%
Wash.	6.6%	10.4%	13.1%	14.3%
Ill.	8.3%	12.3%	13.7%	14.3%
R.I.	9.5%	11.4%	12.8%	13.9%
Ariz.	7.6%	12.8%	13.4%	13.2%
Va.	5.0%	8.1%	11.4%	12.5%
Del.	3.3%	5.7%	8.0%	10.2%
Ga.	2.7%	7.1%	9.7%	10.2%
Ore.	4.9%	8.5%	9.8%	9.9%
Colo.	4.3%	8.6%	9.8%	9.8%
N.M.	5.3%	8.2%	9.9%	9.4%
Minn.	2.6%	5.3%	7.1%	8.7%
Utah	3.4%	7.1%	8.0%	8.7%
N.C.	1.7%	5.3%	7.5%	8.1%
Alaska	4.5%	5.9%	6.9%	7.9%
Neb.	1.8%	4.4%	6.1%	7.5%
Mich.	3.8%	5.3%	6.0%	7.1%
Pa.	3.1%	4.1%	5.8%	7.0%
Kan.	2.5%	5.0%	6.5%	6.9%
N.H.	3.7%	4.4%	5.3%	6.2%
Idaho	2.9%	5.0%	5.5%	5.9%
Okla.	2.1%	3.8%	5.5%	5.7%
Iowa	1.6%	3.1%	4.6%	5.3%
Ind.	1.7%	3.1%	4.6%	5.3%
Tenn.	1.2%	2.8%	4.5%	5.2%
Wisc.	2.5%	3.6%	4.5%	5.0%
S.C.	1.4%	2.9%	4.7%	4.9%
Ark.	1.1%	2.8%	4.5%	4.7%
Ohio	2.4%	3.0%	4.1%	4.5%
Vt.	3.1%	3.8%	4.4%	4.5%
Mo.	1.6%	2.7%	3.9%	4.2%
N.D.	1.5%	1.9%	2.5%	4.1%
La.	2.1%	2.6%	3.8%	4.1%
Ky.	0.9%	2.0%	3.2%	3.8%
Wyo.	1.7%	2.3%	2.8%	3.5%
Ala.	1.1%	2.0%	3.5%	3.5%
Maine	3.0%	2.9%	3.4%	3.4%
S.D.	1.1%	1.8%	2.7%	3.4%
Miss.	0.8%	1.4%	2.1%	2.2%
Mont.	1.7%	1.8%	2.0%	2.2%
W.Va.	0.9%	1.1%	1.2%	1.6%
<b>Nation</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	<b>11.1%</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>13.7%</b>

**Source:** Figures for 1990 and 2000 are from the decennial census. Figures for 2010 and 2017 are from the American Community Survey on FactFinder at Census.gov. 1990 figures are from Table 14 [here](#).

## End Notes

<sup>1</sup> See Table 2 on page 5 in Bryan Baker, "Estimates of the Unauthorized Immigrant Population Residing in the United States: January 2014", Department of Homeland Security, Office of Immigration Statistics", July 2017.

<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 2.043 million deaths in this population from 2010 to 2017. The number of new arrivals from 2010 to 2017 was 9.487 million. (See Table 2.) However, this figures includes all of 2010 while growth from 2010 to 2017 (4.57 million) in the ACS is measured from July 1, 2010, to July 1, 2017, which is the population control date for the survey. Excluding one-half of a year of new arrivals (632,000) — to represent those who came in the first half of 2010 — allows us to match arrival numbers to growth figures. Using this approach means there were 8.855 million new arrivals from July 1, 2010, to July 1, 2017. Out-migration can be estimated using the following formula: Out-migration = new arrivals - (growth + deaths). Plugging in the numbers we get the following: 2.24 million = 8.855 million - (4.570 million + 2.043 million). This implies a rough estimate of 2.24 million immigrants who left the United States during the seven years from 2010 to 2017, or about 320,000 annually. This figure includes legal and illegal immigrants.

<sup>4</sup> The figures for immigrants are from the 2017 American Community Survey (ACS). The figures for children are from the public-use files of the 2017 and 2018 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 asks all respondents, including children, about their parents' places of birth. The CPS ASEC is collected in March each year. The 2017 survey showed 16.88 million U.S.-born children with at least one immigrant parent and the 2018 survey showed 17.40 million children with at least one immigrant parent. Assuming constant growth from 2017 to 2018 means that four months after July 1, 2017, the control date of the 2017 ACS, there were 17.1 million U.S.-born minor children of immigrants.

<sup>5</sup> Using the same method to estimate out-migration used in endnote 3 indicates that roughly 1.01 million Mexican immigrants returned home between 2010 and 2017. There were 1.14 million new arrivals (the 1.22 million shown in Table 1 minus one half year of arrivals) from Mexico, so net migration from Mexico is almost certainly not zero as is sometimes reported in the media. However, it is now nearly so. Moreover, it is not zero or even negative if one includes the U.S.-born children who go to Mexico with their immigrant parents. To arrive at the above number, we estimate 570,000 deaths among Mexican immigrants living in the United States between 2000 and 2017.

<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 (Myanmar), Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Other South Eastern Asia, Other Eastern Asia, Asia n.e.c. **South Asia:** Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka. **Caribbean:** The 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 2014; 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> Unless otherwise indicated, all the information on the foreign-born used in this analysis for 2017, 2016, 2010 and 2000 can be found on FactFinder.

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