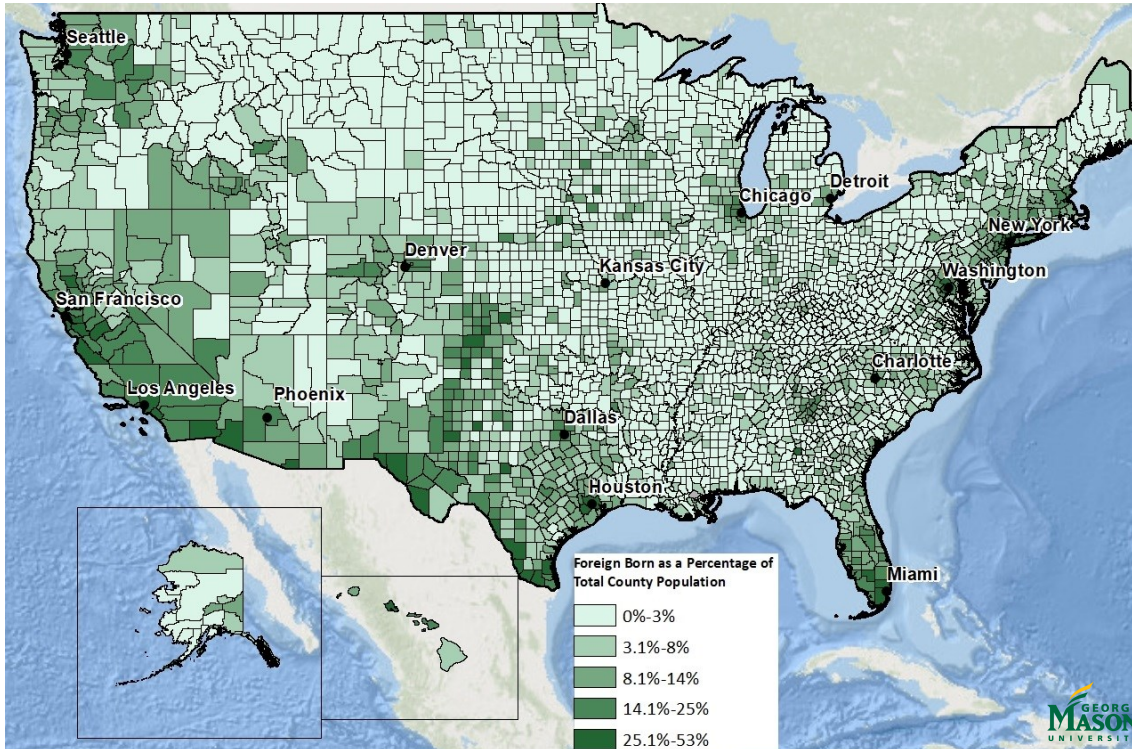


## Immigrants in the United States

**Figure 1. Immigrants in the United States**



### 2017 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **43,079,900:** Approximate number of immigrants<sup>1</sup> living in the U.S. (13% of the total population)
- **California, New York, New Jersey, Florida, and Nevada** are the top five states in terms of percent of foreign-born residents
- **Miami-Dade, FL, Queens, NY, Presidio, TX, and Santa Clara, CA** are the top five counties in terms of percent of foreign-born residents

Note: Maps are based on IPUMS National Historical Geographic Information System: Version 14.0. ACS 2013-2017 dataset. Minneapolis, MN: IPUMS.2019.

**Figure 2. Race and Ethnicity Among Immigrants**

	Foreign Born	Native Born
White	47%	77%
Asian	27%	2%
Black	9%	13%
Other race	15%	3%
Two or more races	2%	5%
Not Hispanic	55%	87%
Hispanic	45%	13%
<b>Estimated Population</b>	<b>43,079,912</b>	<b>277,924,495</b>

Figure 2 shows that most immigrants living in the United States identified either as White, Asian, or some other race. Specifically, there is a significantly higher share of immigrants who identify as Asian compared to the native born. The vast majority of the native born identified as White or Black. The percentage of immigrants who identify as Hispanic is much higher compared to native-born individuals.

All analysis in this fact sheet is based on source data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2013-2017 distributed through IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota, [www.ipums.org](http://www.ipums.org).

\*Please note that the terms "immigrant" and "foreign born" are used interchangeably throughout this fact sheet. Foreign born refers to individuals who are not a U.S. citizen at birth or who were born outside the U.S., Puerto Rico or other U.S. territories and whose parents are not U.S. citizens. The foreign born may include naturalized U.S. citizens, Legal Permanent Residents, temporary residents, refugees and asylees, and others. Additionally, native born includes those who are U.S. citizens at birth, those born in the United States, Puerto Rico, or other U.S. territories, and those born abroad to a parent who is a U.S. citizen.

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**Figure 3. Year of Immigration Among Immigrants, 1920-2015**

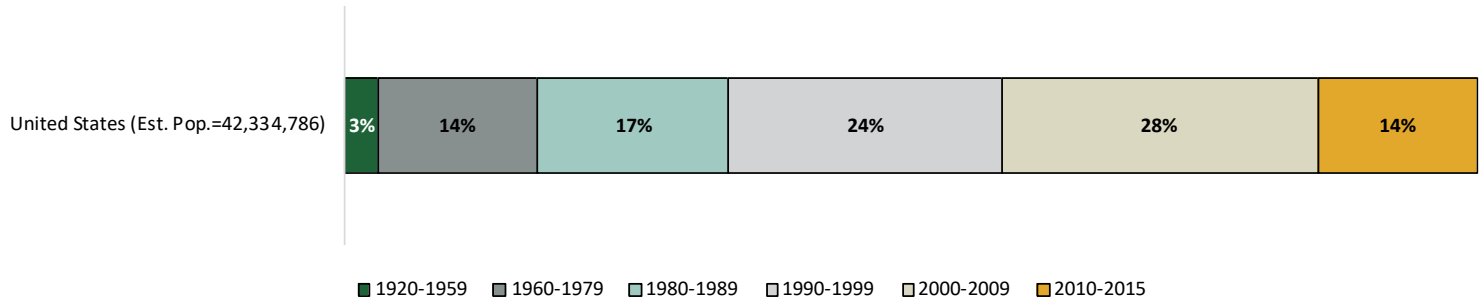


Figure 2 shows that 66 percent of foreign-born individuals living in the United States in 2017 migrated to the United States after 1990.

**Figure 4. Top 5 countries of birth**

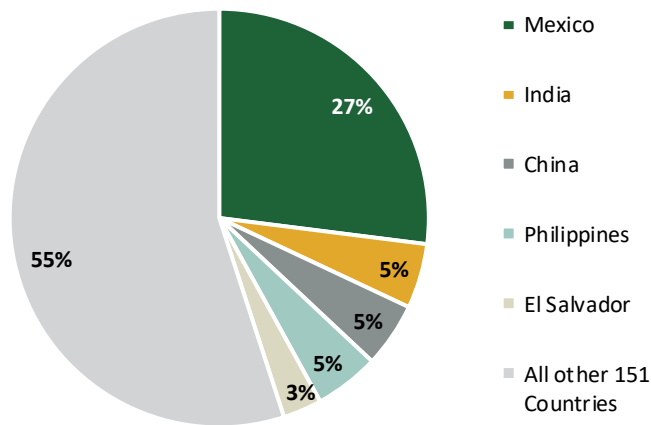


Figure 3 shows the top five countries of birth among immigrants in the United States. Foreign born from Mexico constitute 27 percent of the total immigrant population.

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