

# **Appendix**

Table A.1 Immigration to the United States by Country  
for Decades 1820–1995

Country	1820	1821–1830	1831–1840	1841–1850	1851–1860	1861–1870
<i>All countries</i>	8,385	143,439	599,125	1,713,251	2,598,214	2,314,824
<i>Europe</i>	7,690	98,797	495,681	1,597,442	2,452,577	2,065,141
Austria-Hungary	—	—	—	—	—	7,800
Austria	NA	NA	NA	453,649	32,868	3,563
Hungary	NA	NA	NA	442,693	30,680	7,861
Belgium	1	27	22	5,074	4,738	6,734
Denmark	20	169	1,063	539	3,749	17,094
France	371	8,497	45,575	77,262	76,358	35,986
Germany	968	6,761	152,454	434,626	951,667	787,468
Great Britain (former UK)	2,410	25,079	75,810	267,044	423,974	606,896
England	1,782	14,055	7,611	32,092	247,125	222,277
Scotland	268	2,912	2,667	3,712	38,331	38,769
Wales	—	170	185	1,261	6,319	4,313
Northern Ireland	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Not specified	360	7,942	65,347	229,979	132,199	341,537
Greece	—	20	49	16	31	72
Ireland	3,614	50,724	207,381	780,719	914,119	435,778
Italy	30	409	2,253	1,870	9,231	11,725
Netherlands	49	1,078	1,412	8,251	10,789	9,102
Norway–Sweden	3	91	1,201	13,903	20,931	109,298
Norway	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	71,631
Sweden	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	37,667
Poland	5	16	369	105	1,164	2,027
Portugal	35	145	829	550	1,055	2,658
Romania	—	—	—	—	—	—
Spain	139	2,477	2,125	2,209	9,298	6,697
Switzerland	31	3,226	4,821	4,644	25,011	23,286
U.S.S.R.	14	75	277	551	457	2,512
Yugoslavia	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Europe	—	3	40	79	5	8
<i>Asia</i>	6	30	55	141	41,538	64,759
China	1	2	8	35	41,397	64,301
India	1	8	39	36	43	69
Israel	—	—	—	—	—	—
Japan	—	—	—	—	—	186
Turkey	1	20	7	59	83	131
Other Asia	3	—	1	11	15	72
<i>America</i>	387	11,564	33,424	62,469	74,720	166,607
Canada & Newfoundland	209	2,277	13,624	41,723	59,309	153,878
Mexico	1	4,817	6,599	3,271	3,078	2,191
Caribbean	164	3,834	12,301	13,528	10,660	9,046
Central America	2	105	44	368	449	95
South America	11	531	856	3,579	1,224	1,397
Other America	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Africa</i>	1	16	54	55	210	312
<i>Australia &amp; New Zealand</i>	—	—	—	—	—	36
<i>Pacific Islands (U.S. adm.)</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Other</i>	301	33,032	69,911	53,144	29,169	17,969

FIGURES ARE APPROXIMATE BECAUSE OF DIFFERENT COUNTING METHODS.

*Notes:* From 1820–1867, figures represent alien passengers arrived; from 1868–1891 and 1895–1897, immigrant aliens arrived; from 1892–1894 and 1898 to the present time, immigrant aliens admitted. Data for the years prior to 1906 relate to country whence alien came; data from 1906–1979 and 1984 are for country of last permanent residence; and data for 1980–1983 refer to country of birth. Because of changes in boundaries and changes in lists of countries, data for certain countries are not comparable throughout.

The periods covered are as follows: from 1820–1831 and 1843–1849, the fiscal years ended on September 30 of the respective year—fiscal year 1843 covers 9 months. From 1832–1842 and 1850–1867, fiscal years ended on December 31 of the respective year—fiscal years 1832 and 1850 cover 15 months. For 1868, the period ended on June 30 and covers 6 months. Fiscal years 1868–1976 ended on June 30 of the respective year. The transition quarter (TQ) for 1976 covers the 3-month period, July–September 1976.

SOURCE: U.S. IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE.

1871–1880	1881–1890	1891–1900	1901–1910	1911–1920	1921–1930	1931–1940
2,812,191	5,246,613	3,687,564	8,795,386	5,735,811	4,107,209	528,431
2,271,925	4,735,484	3,555,352	8,056,040	4,321,887	2,463,194	347,552
72,969	353,719	592,707	2,145,266	896,342	63,548	11,424
24,860	67,106	20,621	9,478	18,340	3,511	2,895
3,469	36,637	5,401	6,550	6,545	944	1,039
7,221	20,177	18,167	41,635	33,746	15,846	4,817
31,771	88,132	50,231	65,285	41,983	32,430	2,559
72,206	50,464	30,770	73,379	61,897	49,610	12,623
718,182	1,452,970	505,152	341,498	143,945	412,202	114,058
548,043	807,357	271,538	525,950	341,408	340,780	31,572
437,706	644,680	216,726	388,017	249,944	157,420	21,756
87,564	149,869	44,188	120,469	78,357	159,781	6,887
6,631	12,640	10,557	17,464	13,107	13,012	735
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	10,567	2,194
16,142	168	67	—	—	—	—
210	2,308	15,979	167,519	184,201	51,084	9,119
436,871	655,482	388,416	339,065	146,181	210,024	10,973
55,759	307,309	651,893	2,045,877	1,109,524	455,315	68,028
16,541	53,701	26,758	48,262	43,718	26,948	7,150
211,245	568,362	321,281	440,039	161,469	165,780	8,700
95,323	391,776	226,266	249,534	95,074	97,249	3,960
115,922	176,586	95,015	190,505	66,395	68,531	4,740
12,970	51,806	96,720	—	4,813	227,734	17,026
14,082	16,978	27,508	69,149	89,732	29,994	3,329
11	6,348	12,750	53,008	13,311	67,646	3,871
5,266	4,419	8,731	27,935	68,611	28,958	3,258
28,293	81,988	31,179	34,922	23,091	29,676	5,512
39,284	213,282	505,290	1,597,306	921,201	61,742	1,356
—	—	—	—	1,888	49,064	5,835
1,001	682	122	665	8,111	22,983	2,361
124,180	69,942	74,862	323,543	247,236	112,059	16,081
123,201	61,711	14,799	20,605	21,278	29,907	4,928
163	269	68	4,713	2,082	1,886	496
—	—	—	—	—	—	—
149	2,270	25,942	129,797	83,837	33,462	1,948
404	3,782	30,425	157,369	134,066	33,824	1,065
243	1,910	3,628	11,059	5,973	12,980	7,644
404,044	426,967	38,972	361,888	1,143,671	1,516,716	160,037
383,640	393,304	3,311	179,226	742,185	924,515	108,527
5,162	1,913	971	49,642	219,004	459,287	22,319
13,957	29,042	33,066	107,548	123,424	74,899	15,502
157	404	549	8,192	17,159	15,769	5,861
1,128	2,304	1,075	17,280	41,899	42,215	7,803
—	—	—	—	—	31	25
358	857	350	7,368	8,443	6,286	1,750
9,886	7,017	2,740	11,975	12,348	8,299	2,231
1,028	5,557	1,225	1,049	1,079	427	780
790	789	14,063	33,523	1,147	228	—

Table A.1 Immigration to the United States by Country  
for Decades 1820–1995 (*continued*)

<i>Country</i>	<i>1941–1950</i>	<i>1951–1960</i>	<i>1961–1970</i>	<i>1971–1980</i>	<i>1981–90</i>
<i>All countries</i>	1,035,039	2,515,479	3,321,677	4,493,314	7,338,062
<i>Europe</i>	621,124	1,325,727	1,123,492	800,368	761,550
Austria-Hungary	28,329	103,743	26,022	16,028	24,885
Austria	1,880	1,314	1,340	641,425	
Hungary	1,034	809	850	544,512	
Belgium	12,189	18,575	9,192	5,329	7,066
Denmark	5,393	10,984	9,201	4,439	5,370
France	38,809	51,121	45,237	25,069	32,353
Germany	226,578	477,765	190,796	74,414	91,961
Great Britain (former UK)	139,306	204,468	214,518	137,374	14,667
England	112,252	156,171	174,452	NA	NA
Scotland	16,131	32,854	29,849	NA	NA
Wales	3,209	2,589	2,052	NA	NA
Northern Ireland	7,714	8,970	7,469	NA	NA
Not specified	—	3,884	696	NA	NA
Greece	8,973	47,608	85,969	92,369	38,377
Ireland	19,789	48,362	32,966	11,490	31,969
Italy	57,661	185,491	214,111	129,368	67,254
Netherlands	14,860	52,277	30,606	10,492	12,238
Norway–Sweden	20,765	44,632	32,600	10,472	15,182
Norway	10,665	22,935	15,484	3,941	4,164
Sweden	10,100	21,697	17,116	6,531	11,018
Poland	7,571	9,985	53,539	37,234	83,252
Portugal	7,423	19,588	76,065	101,710	40,431
Romania	1,076	1,039	2,531	12,393	30,857
Spain	2,898	7,894	44,659	39,141	8,849
Switzerland	10,547	17,675	18,453	8,235	57,677
U.S.S.R.	548	671	2,465	38,961	20,433
Yugoslavia	1,576	8,225	20,381	30,540	18,762
Other Europe	3,447	14,706	10,908	9,287	15,532
<i>Asia</i>	32,360	153,249	427,642	1,588,178	2,738,157
China	16,709	9,657	34,764	124,326	346,747
India	1,761	1,973	27,189	164,134	250,786
Israel	—	25,476	29,602	37,713	44,273
Japan	1,555	46,250	39,988	49,775	47,085
Turkey	798	3,519	10,142	13,399	23,233
Other Asia	11,537	66,374	285,957	1,198,831	2,026,033
<i>America</i>	354,804	996,944	1,716,374	1,982,529	3,615,225
Canada & Newfoundland	171,718	377,952	413,310	169,939	156,938
Mexico	60,589	299,811	453,937	640,294	1,655,843
Caribbean	49,725	123,091	470,213	741,126	872,057
Central America	21,665	44,751	101,330	134,640	468,088
South America	21,831	91,628	257,954	295,741	461,847
Other America	29,276	59,711	19,630	789	458
<i>Africa</i>	7,367	14,092	28,954	80,779	176,893
<i>Australia &amp; New Zealand</i>	13,805	11,506	19,562	23,788	20,169
<i>Pacific Islands (U.S. adm.)</i>	5,437	1,470	1,769	1,806	21,041
<i>Other</i>	142	12,491	3,884	15,866	1,032

1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	TOTAL
1,827,167	973,977	904,292	804,416	720,461	62,224,327
146,671	153,260	165,711	166,279	132,914	37,865,858
4,455	3,934	2,914	2,123	2,190	4,358,398
701	957	776	621	694	214,305
629	769	762	639	588	373,799
3,978	4,492	3,959	3,592	3,178	806,786
10,887	12,875	9,965	8,940	7,896	7,134,028
16,768	21,924	20,422	17,666	14,207	5,069,181
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3,084,066
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	812,608
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	94,244
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	36,914
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	798,321
2,929	2,168	2,460	2,539	2,404	716,404
4,608	12,035	13,396	16,525	4,851	4,775,338
30,316	11,962	3,899	2,664	2,594	5,424,543
1,303	1,687	1,542	1,359	1,284	381,407
1,796	2,296	2,253	1,804	1,607	2,155,710
554	790	713	515	465	1,291,039
1,242	1,506	1,540	1,289	1,142	828,812
17,106	24,491	27,288	27,597	13,570	716,388
4,576	2,774	2,075	2,163	2,611	515,480
6,786	4,907	4,517	2,932	4,565	228,548
2,663	2,041	1,791	1,756	1,664	283,479
1,003	1,303	1,263	1,183	1,119	414,138
31,557	37,069	59,949	64,502	54,133	3,653,635
2,802	2,741	2,781	3,183	7,828	155,606
1,183	1,961	2,907	3,732	4,874	201,589
342,157	344,802	345,425	282,449	259,984	7,588,835
23,995	29,554	57,775	58,867	41,112	1,125,679
42,707	34,841	38,653	33,173	33,060	638,150
5,116	5,938	5,216	3,982	3,188	160,504
5,600	11,735	7,673	6,974	5,556	499,782
3,466	3,203	3,487	3,880	4,806	431,169
261,273	259,531	232,621	175,573	172,262	4,733,531
1,297,580	445,194	361,476	325,173	282,270	15,779,035
19,931	21,541	23,898	22,243	18,117	4,401,315
947,923	214,128	126,642	111,415	90,045	5,378,882
138,591	95,945	98,185	103,750	96,021	3,235,669
110,820	57,849	58,666	40,256	32,020	1,119,239
80,308	55,725	54,077	47,505	46,063	1,533,981
7	6	8	4	4	109,949
33,542	24,707	25,532	24,864	39,818	482,608
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7,217	6,014	6,148	5,651	5,475	317,986

Table A.2    Provisions of the Major United States Immigration Laws and Programs

1819	The federal government requires numeration of immigrants.
1864	Congress passes a law facilitating the importation of contract laborers.
1875	Congress passes the first federal restriction of immigration, prohibiting the importation of prostitutes and alien convicts.
1882	The Chinese Exclusion Act curbs the immigration of the Chinese.
1882	Congress excludes convicts, lunatics, idiots, and people likely to become public charges, and places a head tax on immigrants.
1885	The contract labor laws end.
1891	The federal government assumes the supervision of immigration and the next year opens Ellis Island.
1903	Congress expands the list of excluded immigrants to include polygamists, anarchists, and other radicals.
1907	Congress raises the head tax on immigrants and adds to the excluded list people with physical or mental defects that might affect their ability to earn a living, those with tuberculosis, and children unaccompanied by their parents.
1907	The United States and Japan make the Gentlemen's Agreement restricting immigration from Japan.
1917	Congress codifies previously excluded classes and includes a literacy test banning those over sixteen who cannot read some language. People escaping from religious persecution are exempt from the literacy test. The law also bans virtually all immigration from Asia.
1921	Congress sets a limit on European immigration of approximately 358,000. National quotas are instituted and based on a formula allowing each nation 3 percent of the foreign-born population of that nationality who lived here in 1910.
1924	Congress enacts the Johnson-Reed Act, setting the annual quota of each nationality at 2 percent of the number of foreign-born of that nationality resident in the United States according to the 1890 census. This quota is replaced in 1927 with the national origins provision, basing each nationality's quota on its proportion of the population according to the 1920 census. Proportions are based on a figure of 153,714 annually from Europe.
1924	The Oriental Exclusion Act bans immigration from Asia.

- 1930 President Herbert Hoover directs consuls to enforce strictly the provisions of the immigration acts barring "those likely to become a public charge."
- 1942 The United States and Mexico agree to the *bracero* program permitting temporary foreign laborers to work in the United States.
- 1943 Congress repeals the ban on Chinese immigration.
- 1945 Congress passes the War Brides Act facilitating the entry of alien wives, husbands, and children of members of the U.S. armed forces.
- 1948 Congress enacts the Displaced Persons Act allowing the entrance of 205,000 displaced persons in addition to those admitted under the annual quotas.
- 1950 Congress amends the Displaced Persons Act and adds to the numbers that may be admitted under its provisions.
- 1952 Congress passes the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Naturalization Act, which
- eliminates race as a bar to immigration and naturalization;
  - reaffirms the national origins system but gives every nation a quota;
  - provides for a more thorough screening of immigrants;
  - establishes preferences for those with relatives in America or those with skills.
- 1953 Congress enacts the Refugee Relief Act authorizing the admission of special nonquota refugees.
- 1957 Congress passes the Refugee Escape Act liberalizing the McCarran-Walter Act and allowing more nonquota immigrants to enter.
- 1960 Congress passes the World Refugee Year Law permitting the entrance of additional refugees.
- 1962 Congress enacts the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act facilitating the admission of refugees.
- 1964 The United States and Mexico terminate the *bracero* program.
- 1965 Congress passes the Immigration Act of 1965, which
- abolishes the national origins system;
  - establishes a limit of 170,000 from outside the Western Hemisphere and a limit of 20,000 from any one country;
  - admits immigrants on a first-come, first-qualified basis;

- establishes preferences for close relatives as well as refugees and those with occupational skills needed in the United States;
- places a ceiling of 120,000 on immigration from the Western Hemisphere.
- 1976 Congress extends the 20,000 limit per country to the Western Hemisphere and establishes a modified preference system for the hemisphere.
- 1978 Congress establishes a single worldwide ceiling of 290,000 for the admission of immigrants and a uniform preference system.
- 1978 Congress creates a Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy to study and evaluate existing immigration policy.
- 1980 Congress passes the Refugee Act of 1980, which
  - increases the total annual immigration to 320,000;
  - increases the number of refugees from 17,400 to 50,000 annually;
  - defines “refugee” to include people from any part of the world, not just the Middle East or communist countries;
  - creates the office of U.S. Coordinator for Refugee Affairs.
- 1986 Congress passes the Immigration Reform and Control Act, which
  - prohibits employers from knowingly employing undocumented aliens;
  - grants an amnesty to those who came illegally to the United States before 1982 and makes it possible for them to become resident aliens and U.S. citizens;
  - provides for the admission of temporary farm workers.
- 1990 Congress passes the Immigration Act of 1990, which
  - increases immigration (excluding refugees) to 700,000 until 1995 when it becomes 675,000. The limit can be exceeded;
  - increases employment visas to 140,000 from 54,000;
  - creates a new category for “diversity visas.” Beginning in 1995 it provides for 55,000 visas annually.
- 1992 Congress passes the Chinese Student Protection Act, which permits Chinese students in the United States from June 1989 to April 1990 to adjust their status to become immigrants.
- 1996 Congress passes a new welfare law that limits some federal benefits for immigrants.
- 1996 Congress passes the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act, which



- authorizes new border fences and increases size of INS;
- tightens restrictions on illegal immigrants to make it easier to deport them;
- tightens procedures for asylum seekers;
- pilot programs for verification of immigration status for those seeking employment;
- makes sponsors of new immigrants more responsible for their welfare.

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SOURCES: Edward P. Hutchison, *Legislative History of American Immigration Policy, 1798–1965* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1981); U.S. Congress, Senate, Committee on the Judiciary, *U.S. Immigration Law and Policy: 1952–1979*, report prepared by the Congressional Research Service, 96th Congress, 1st sess.; *Congressional Quarterly* (1980, 1986); and annual reports of INS for the 1990s.

