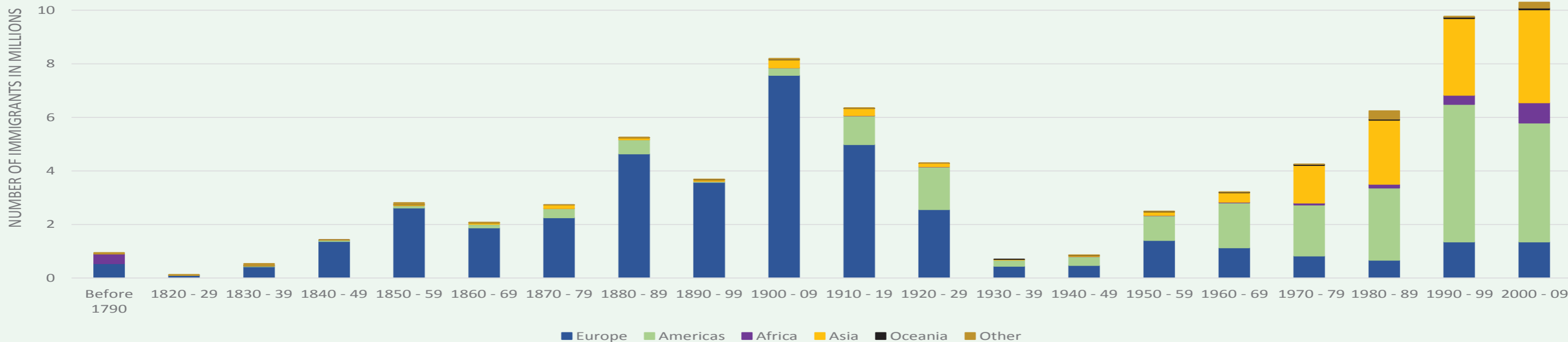


US IMMIGRATION: TRENDS, EVENTS AND MIGRATION FACTORS

U.S. IMMIGRATION BY REGION AND DECADE



PUSH* WORLD TRENDS & EVENTS

EUROPE: Unprecedented pop. growth; social, political & religious conflict force many to migrate to economically & physically overburdened cities

ENGLAND: Unemployed escape crowded cities during slump in Industrial Revolution

IRELAND: Potato famine

GERMANY: Farmers & craftsmen suffer worsening economy & forced conscription

EUROPE: Serfdom ends everywhere in 1848, freeing peasants to migrate to cities & US

CHINA: Civil war causes economic & political chaos

SCANDINAVIA: Low wages, crop failure, massive unemployment & religious restrictions

EUROPE: Agricultural depression

ITALY: Peasants' lives worsened by heavy taxes, earthquakes, volcanoes, vineyard blight & political upheaval

ARMENIANS: Systematically killed by Turks (1st Genocide of 20th Century)

CANADA: Industry collapse leaves many unemployed

SOUTHEAST ASIA: War and Communist takeovers cause flood of political refugees

NAFTA 1993: Bilateral trade agreement to levy low or no tariffs along with US farm subsidies result in displacement of Mexican agricultural workers & increases undocumented immigration. Similar agreement made with Central American countries in 2004 (CAFTA-DR)

HONG KONG 1997: Returned to China after 154 years of British rule

MEXICO: Revolution sends many peasants to US border

GERMANY, SPAIN & ITALY: Economic hardship conducive to fascist dictatorships

CUBA: Refugees flee after Castro's Communist Revolution

RUSSIAN JEWS: Receive help from relief organizations to resettle in US

COLD WAR ENDS IN 1991

PULL‡ UNITED STATES TRENDS & EVENTS

US: Chronic labor shortage. Cheap fertile land means most Americans own farms. Indentured servitude & slavery outlawed in the North

US-MEXICAN WAR 1848: US annexes present-day California, Texas, Nevada, Utah & parts of Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado & Wyoming. Mexican families in these lands suddenly become Americans

SLAVERY ABOLISHED 1808: But illegal African slave importation continues in the South

US SHIPS: Exporting raw materials to Europe return with finished goods & immigrants

US SUPREME COURT DECISION 1857: Declares slave & free Africans non-citizens

US SUPREME COURT DECISION 1875: Declares immigration a federal responsibility & all state laws unconstitutional

INDUSTRIAL BOOM: Cheap labor needed for burgeoning manufacturing industry

SPANISH AMERICAN WAR 1898

BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION ESTABLISHED 1891

WORLD WAR I

GREAT DEPRESSION

WORLD WAR II

KOREAN WAR

VIETNAM

GULF WAR

AFRICAN AMERICANS: Migrate north to fill industrial jobs after WWI cuts off immigration

JOHNSON-REED ACT 1924: Creates annual immigration quota of 2% based on 1890 National Origin Census. In effect 98% of immigrants were Europeans & 2% from rest of the world

INDIAN CITIZENSHIP ACT 1924: Native Americans declared citizens of US despite protests from indigenous people

BORDER PATROL ESTABLISHED 1924

IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION SERVICE (INS) 1933-2003

IMMIGRATION ACT 1917: Bars all immigrants from Asia & mandates literacy test for those over 16

EXCLUDED: Anarchists, epileptics, TB, physical or mental defects, unaccompanied children, polygamists & beggars

CHINESE EXCLUSIONARY ACT: Suspends Chinese immigration & bars Chinese in US from Citizenship

US JAPANESE: Over 127,000 interned in camps during WWII

ASIAN: Token annual quotas set ranging from 100—185 per country. Northwestern Europe quota set at 85% of all immigrants

THE BRACERO PROGRAM 1942-64: Created to recruit & process Mexican agricultural laborers to meet US labor shortages during WWII. Many face injustices including substandard housing, unpaid wages, discrimination & unfulfilled contracts

IMMIGRATION & NATIONALITY ACT OF 1965: Ends National-Origin formula & gives preference for skilled workers & family relation to citizens or US residents

DISPLACED PERSONS ACT: Allows 205,000 refugees over 2 years; gives priority to Baltic refugees & discriminates against Catholics & Jews

INCLUDED: Chinese Exclusion laws repealed

CUBANS: Refugees admitted under special quotas

IMMIGRATION REFORM & CONTROL ACT 1986: Gives amnesty to many unauthorized residents & sanctions for employers hiring undocumented

TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT & RE-AUTHORIZATIONS 2000, '03, '05, '08 & '13

IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT 2003: Investigates illegal movement of people & goods and manages the detention & removal of non immigrants

NSEERS 2002-11: Singles out domestic & foreign Muslims, Arabs & South Asians for fingerprints, photograph & interrogation

ENHANCED BORDER SECURITY & VISA ENTRY REFORM 2002: Restricts visa issuance & regulates inspection & admission of immigrants

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY & IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT 2013: Passed Senate but not House

ARIZONA SB 1070, 2010: State law makes it a misdemeanor crime for aliens not to carry registration documents at all times & obligates police to determine immigration status during "lawful stop, detention or arrest." Copycat laws adopted by five states at various stages of legal challenge

SECURE FENCE ACT 2006: 850 miles of fence built along Mexico-US border

IMMIGRATION ACT 1990: Increases new immigrants by 200,000, skilled worker immigration by 100,000 & removes AIDS & homosexuality as exclusionary criteria

INCLUDED: Unlimited immigration from Western Hemisphere until 1965

CALIFORNIA: Gold rush

STEAMSHIPS: Cut trans-ocean travel time by 33%—80%

ECONOMY: Panic of 1873

HOMESTEAD ACTS: Land given for little or no money for farming or required tree planting

CIVIL WAR: Ends slavery in US & fuels growth of new industries

TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD: Cheap labor needed to lay East-West tracks. Most dangerous jobs performed by Chinese who made up 80% of the workforce. Railroads offer bargain-priced land to encourage settlements & rail service

*Factors which drive people to leave country of origin.
‡Factors which attract people to US.