

TABLE 1.—SOURCE AREA COMPOSITION OF U.S. IMMIGRATION, 1951–2000
(PERCENT OF TOTAL FROM EACH SOURCE)

Region of Origin	1951–60	1961–70	1971–80	1981–90	1991–2000
<i>Europe</i>	52.7	33.8	17.8	10.4	14.9
Western	49.8	30.8	14.7	7.5	5.9
Eastern	2.9	3.0	3.1	2.9	9.0
<i>Asia</i>	6.1	12.9	35.3	37.3	30.7
<i>Americas</i>	39.6	51.7	44.1	49.3	49.3
Canada	15.0	12.4	3.8	2.1	2.1
Mexico	11.9	13.7	14.2	22.6	24.7
Caribbean	4.9	14.2	16.5	11.9	10.8
Central America	1.8	3.1	3.0	6.4	5.8
South America	3.6	7.8	6.6	6.3	5.9
<i>Africa</i>	0.6	0.9	1.8	2.4	3.9
<i>Oceania</i>	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.6
Total (000s)	2,515	3,322	4,493	7,338	9,095

Source: *Statistical: Yearbook of the Immigration and Naturalization Service for 2000*, table 2.

Notes: Immigrants classified by country of last residence. Percentages exclude the category “origin not specified.” Western Europe is defined as the countries of the European Union (EU-15), excluding Finland but including Norway and Switzerland. Eastern Europe includes the category “other Europe.”