HISTORICAL CENSUS STATISTICS ON THE FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES: 1850 TO 1990

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Table 4. Region and Country or Area of Birth of the Foreign-Born Population, With Geographic Detail Shown in Decennial Census Publications of 1930 or Earlier: 1850 to 1930 and 1960 to 1990

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Line number	Region and country or area	1990*	1980*	1970*	1960*	1930	1920	1910	1900	1890	1880	1870	1860	1850	number
1	Total	19,767,316	14 079 906	9.619.302	9.738.091	14,204,149	13,920,692	13,515,886	10,341,276	9,249,547	6,679,943	5,567,229	4,138,697	2,244,602	1
2	Reported by region and/or country	18,959,158	13,192,563			14,197,553	13,911,767	13,506,272	10,330,534	9,243,535	6,675,875	5,563,637	4,134,809	2,202,625	2
3	Europe	4,350,403		5,740,891	7,256,311	11,784,010	11,916,048	11,810,115	8,881,548	8,030,347	5,751,823	4,941,049	3,807,062	2,031,867	3
1 4	Northern and Western Europe		2,384,257	1	3,334,971	5,850,256	6,241,916	7,306,325	7,204,649	7,288,917	5,499,889	4,845,679	3,773,347	2,022,195	ا ما
5	Northern Europe	968,271	1,083,499		1,694,430	3,415,551	3,501,149	3,953,947	3,917,815	4,056,160	3,212,431	2,867,926	2,271,661	1,358,887	5
6	British Isles	809,972	866,966		1,171,777	2,147,733	2,172,723	2,573,534	2,783,082		2,772,169	2,626,241	2,199,079	1,340,812	6
7	United Kingdom	640,145	669,149	686,099	833,055	1,402,923	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	7
8	Great Britain		649,318	645,262	764,893	1,224,091	1,135,489	1,221,283	1,167,623	1,251,402	917,598	770,414	587,775	379,093	8
9	England	405,588	442,499	458,114	528,205	809,563	813,853	877,719	840,513	908,141	662,676	550,924	431,692	278,675	9
10	Scotland	104,168	142,001	170,134	213,219	354,323	254,570	261,076	233,524	242,231	170,136	140,835	108,518	70,550	10
1 11	Wales	10,638	13,528	17,014	23,469	60,205	67,066	82,488	93,586	100,079	83,302	74,533	45,763	29,868	11
12	Great Britain n.e.c.	103,220	51,290	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	951	1,484	4,122	1,802	(NA)	12
13	Northern Ireland	16,531	19,831	40,837	68,162	178,832	(X)	(x)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	13
14	Ireland		197,817	251,375	338,722	744,810	1,037,234	1,352,251	1,615,459	1,871,509	1,854,571	1,855,827	1,611,304	961,719	14
15	Scandinavia	158,299	216,533	334,117	522,653	1,267,818	1,328,426	1,380,413	1,134,733	933,249	440,262	241,685	72,582	18,075	15
16	Denmark	34,999	42,732	61,410	85,060	179,474	189,154	181,649	153,690	132,543	64,196	30,107	9,962	1,838	16
17	Finland	22,313	29,172	45,499	67,624	142,478	149,824	129,680	62,641	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	17
18	Iceland		4,156	2,895	2,780	2,764	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	18
19	Norway	42,240	63,316	97,243	152,698	347,852	363,863	403,877	336,388	322,665	181,729	114,246	43,995	12,678	19
20	Sweden	53,676	77,157	127,070	214,491	595,250	625,585	665,207	582,014	478,041	194,337	97,332	18,625	3,559	20
21	Western Europe		1,300,758	1,357,609	1,640,541	2,434,705	2,740,767	3,352,378	3,286,834	3,232,757	2,287,458	1,977,753	1,501,686	663,308	21
22	Low countries	132,617	142,748	155,513	173,069	206,375	207,038	172,534	127,719	107,349	86,461	65,157	37,353	11,161	22 23
23	Belgium	34,366	36,487	41,412	50,294	64,194	62,687	49,400	29,757	22,639	15,535	12,553	9,072	1,313	23
24	Luxembourg	2,053	3,125	3,531	4,360	9,048	12,585	3,071	3,031	2,882	12,836	5,802	(NA)	(NA)	24
25	Netherlands	96,198	103,136	110,570	118,415	133,133	131,766	120,063	94,931	81,828	58,090	46,802	28,281	9,848	25 26 27
26	Austria	87,673	145,607	214,014	304,507	370,914	575,627	626,341	275,907	123,271	38,663	30,508	25,061	946	26
27	France	119,233	120,215	105,385	111,582	135,592	153,072	117,418	104,197	113,174	106,971	116,402	109,870	54,069	27
28	Germany	711,929	849,384	832,965	989,815	1,608,814	1,686,108	2,311,237	2,663,418	2,784,894	1,966,742	1,690,533	1,276,075	583,774	28
29	Switzerland	39,130	42,804	49,732	61,568	113,010	118,659	124,848	115,593	104,069	88,621	75,153	53,327	13,358	29 30
30	Other Western Europe	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	263	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	30
31	Southern and Eastern Europe	2,285,513	2,748,547	3,090,991	3,907,020	5,918,982	5,670,927	4,500,932	1,674,848	728,851	248,620	93,824	32,312	9,672	31
32	Southern Europe	1,054,141	1,336,805	1,363,195	1,541,441	2,133,092	1,939,600	1,544,149	539,968	216,387	66,249	30,416	21,726	8,152	32 33
33	Greece	177,398	210,998	177,275	159,167	174,526	175,976	101,282	8,515	1,887	776	390	328	86	33
34	Italy	580,592	831,922	1,008,533	1,256,999	1,790,429	1,610,113	1,343,125	484,027	182,580	44,230	17,157	11,677	3,679	34
35	Portugal	210,122	209,968	119,899	80,276	108,775	103,976	77,634	40,376	25,735	15,650	8,973	5,477	1,274	35
36	Azores	29,656	32,531	28,865	22,586	35,611	33,995	18,274	9,768		7,512	4,431	1,361	(NA)	36
37	Portugal	180,466	177,437	91,034	57,690	73,164	69,981	59,360	30,608		8,138	4,542	4,116	1,274	37
38	Spain	76,415	73,735	57,488	44,999	59,362	49,535	22,108	7,050		5,121	3,764	4,244	3,113	38
39	Other Southern Europe,	9,614	10,182	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	472	132	(NA)	(NA)	39
40	Eastern Europe	1,231,372	1,411,742	1,727,796	2,365,579	3,785,890	3,731,327	2,956,783	1,134,680	512,464	182,371	63,408	10,586	1,520	40
41	Albania	5,627	7,381	9,180	9,618	8,814	5,608	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	41
42	Bulgaria	8,579	8,463	8,609	8,223	9,399	10,477	11,498			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	42
43	Czechoslovakia	87,020	112,707	160,899	227,618	491,638	362,438	219,214		118,106		40,289	(NA)	(NA)	43
44	Estonia	9,210	12,169		13,991	3,550	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)		(NA)	44
45	Hungary	110,337	144,368	183,236	245,252	274,450	397,283	495,609							45
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100000000000000000000000000000000000000	Region and country or area	1990*	1980*	1970*	1960*	1930	1920	1910	1900	1890	1880	1870	1860	1850	Line Number
46	Latvia	26,179	34,349	41,707	50 601	20.672	(818)	(NIA)	(ALA)	(NA)	/AIA)	(ALA)	(ALA)	/AIAN	40
47	Lithuania		- 12 C- 10 TO		50,681	20,673	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)		(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	46
48	Lithuania	29,745	48,194		121,475	193,606	135,068	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	47
	Poland	388,328	418,128		747,750	1,268,583	1,139,979	937,884	383,407	147,440	48,557	14,436	7,298	(NA)	48
49	Romania	91,106	66,994	70,687	84,575	146,393	102,823	65,923	15,032	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	49
50	Soviet Union	333,725	406,022	463,462	690,598	1,153,628	1,400,495	1,184,412	423,726	182,644	35,722	4,644	3,160	1,414	50
51	Turkey in Europe	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2,257	5,284	32,230	9,910	1,839	1,205	302	128	106	51
52	Yugoslavia	141,516	152,967	153,745	165,798	211,416	169,439	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	52
53	Other Eastern Europe	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,483	2,433	10,013	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	53
54	Europe n.e.c	6,037	16,768	20,700	14,320	14,772	3,205	2,858	2,251	12,579	3,314	1,546	1,403	(NA)	54
55	Asia	4,979,037	2,539,777	824,887	490,996	275,665	237,950	191,484	120,248	113,383	107,630	64,565	36,796	1,135	55
56	Armenia	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	32,166	36,628	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56
57	China 1/	529,837	286,120		99,735	46,129	43,560	56,756	81,534	106,688	104,468	63,042	35,565	758	56 57
58	India	450,406	206,087	51,000	12,296	5,850	4,901	4,664	2,031	2,143	1,707	586	(NA)		58
59	Japan	290,128	221,794	120,235	109,175	70,993	81,502			2,292	401	73	(NA)	(NA)	59
60	Palestine	21,070	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	6,137		67,744	24,788			1300 2100		(NA)	29
61	Syria	36,782	22,081	14,962	16,717	57,227	3,203	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	60
62	Turkey in Asia	55,087	51,915		52,228	46,654	51,901	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61
63	Other Asia	3,595,727	1,751,780		200,845	10,509	11,019	59,729	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	62
	Outor Asia	0,000,727	1,731,700	410,473	200,045	10,509	5,236	2,591	11,895	2,260	1,054	864	1,231	377	63
64	Africa	363,819	199,723	80,143	35,355	18,326	16,126	3,992	2,538	2,207	2,204	2,657	526	551	64
65	Africa excl. Atlantic Islands	349,451	189,266	61,463	27,053	8,859	5,781	3,992	2,538	2,207	2,204	2,657	526	551	65
66	Atlantic Islands	14,368	10,457	18,680	8,302	9,467	10,345	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	66
67	Oceania	104,145	77,577	41,258	34,730	17,343	14,626	11,450	8,820	9,353	6,859	4,028	2,140	588	67
68	Australia	42,267	36,120	24,271	22,209	12,816	10,914	9,035	6,807	5,984	4,906	3,118	1,419	(NA)	68
69	Sandwich Islands (Hawaii)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	1,304	1,147	584	435	588	69
70	Other Oceania	61,878	41,457	16,987	12,521	4,527	3,712	2,415	2,013	2,065	806	326	286	(NA)	70
71	Latin America	8,407,837	4,372,487	1,803,970	908,309	791,840	588,843	279,514	137,458	107,307	90,073	57,871	38,315	20,773	71
72	Caribbean	1,938,348	1,258,363	675,108	193,922	106,241	78,962	47,635	25,435	23,256	16,401	11,570	7,353	5,772	72
73	Cuba	736,971	607,814	439,048	79,150	18,493	14,872	15,133	11,081	(NA)	6,917		(NA)		73
74	Other Caribbean	1,201,377	650,549	236,060	114,772	87,748	64,090	32,502	14,354	100000000000000000000000000000000000000		5,319 6,251		(NA)	74
75	Central America	5,431,992	2,553,113	873,624	624,851	651,976	491,330	223,651	107,290	(NA) 79,045	9,484 69,106	42,736	(NA)	(NA)	74
76	Mexico	4,298,014	2,199,221	759,711	575,902	641,462	486,418	221,915	103,393		68,399	42,735	27,699	13,458	76
77	Other Central America	1,133,978	353,892	113,913	48,949	10,514	4,912	1,736	3,897	77,853 1,192	707	301	27,466 233	13,317	77
78	South America	1,037,497	561,011	255,238	89,536	33,623	18,551	8,228	4,733	5,006	4,566	3,565	3,263	141 1,543	78
79	Northern America	753,917	853,427	812,421	952,500	1,310,369	1,138,174	1 200 717	1 170 000	080 030	717 000	402 467			
80	Canada	744,830	842,859	812,421	952,500	1,310,369	1,138,174	1,209,717	1,179,922	980,938	717,286	493,467	249,970	147,711	79
81	Canada-French	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	370,852	307,786	1,209,717	1,179,922	980,938	717,157	493,464	249,970	147,711	80
82	Canada-Other	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	915,537	817,139	385,083	395,126	302,496	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81
83	Newfoundland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	23,980	13,249	819,554	784,796	678,442	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82
84	Other Northern America	9,087	10,568	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	5,080 (NA)	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)	(NA) 129	(NA) 3	(NA) (NA)	(NA) (NA)	83 84
85	Region or country not reported	808,158	887,343	315,732	59,890	6,596	8,925					0.500			
86	Born at sea	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	5,008	5,336	9,614	10,742	6,012	4,068		3,888	41,977	85
87	Not reported	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,588	3,589	6,927	8,196	5,533	4,068		2,522	(NA)	
		(44.4)]	((4/1)	(11/7)	(140)]	1,300	0,009	2,687	2,546	479		954	1,366	41,977	87

^{*} Indicates sample data. (NA) Not available.

n.e.c. Not elsewhere classified.

^{1/} Prior to 1980, Taiwan included with China. See Table 3.