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Summary: 13 states and Washington, D.C., exceeded the 14.9% immigrant share of the U.S. as a whole. As one might expect, some more prosperous states like California, New Jersey, and New York feature high on the list. The 1990s show sharply rising immigrant shares in most of the selected states. The period between 2000 and the 2007-09 Great Recession shows a continuation of this growth, albeit at a somewhat slower pace for some of the states. In the post-Great Recession period, we can observe an interesting divergence between the western U.S. states of California and Nevada on the one hand and the eastern U.S. states of New Jersey, New York, and Florida on the other. Immigrant shares in the western states were fairly flat from 2009 to 2022, while immigrant shares in the eastern states exhibited continuing growth, although New York's growth was modest.

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