

## **IMMIGRANTS STILL LOVE N.Y. - CENSUS**

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We're not Ellis Island anymore, but **New York** remains one of the country's top immigration gateways - and more than half the people who enter the nation here like it so much they stay, according to the U.S. **Census** Bureau.

The state took in the second-largest number of foreign-born people between 1995 and 2000 with 584,000, after California's 1.2 million.

Only about 205,000 of **New York**'s new arrivals left for other states - including North Carolina and Georgia, which saw their foreign-born population jump 200% between 1990 and 2000.

**New York** saw a large net growth in foreign-born people in the 1995 to 2000 period.

According to the 2000 head count, the city has the largest number of **immigrants** of any city in the nation - 2.9 million, or 36% of the 8 million people who live here.

Overall, **Census** 2000 showed that the foreign-born population in the country was 31.1 million, a 57% increase from 1990.

California and **New York**, both traditional gateway states, played major roles in the redistribution of the **immigrant** population in the United States.

Meanwhile, New Jersey, another gateway, saw a net increase of foreign-born people moving from other states.

**New York**, New Jersey and California, plus Illinois, Texas and Florida, were home to 21.3 million of the foreign-born people counted in the 2000 **census**, or about two-thirds of the nation's **immigrant** population.

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