

Estimates of the Top 20 Diaspora Groups in the United States, 2014

Rank	Origin	Diaspora	Foreign Born
1	Germany	46,649,000	584,000
2	Mexico	36,829,000	11,710,000
3	Ireland ¹	36,187,000	125,000
4	United Kingdom ²	31,951,000	676,000
5	Italy	17,347,000	355,000
6	Poland	9,321,000	432,000
7	France ³	8,235,000	162,000
8	Puerto Rico ⁴	5,868,000	1,634,000
9	China ⁵	4,752,000	2,143,000
10	Norway	4,439,000	23,000
11	Netherlands	4,269,000	82,000
12	India	4,038,000	2,182,000
13	Philippines	3,965,000	1,923,000
14	Sweden	3,883,000	52,000
15	Canada ⁶	3,283,000	794,000
16	El Salvador	2,444,000	1,323,000
17	Cuba	2,316,000	1,176,000
18	Vietnam	2,124,000	1,298,000
19	Dominican Republic	2,032,000	996,000
20	Korea	1,911,000	1,082,000

Notes:

The term "diaspora" includes individuals born in the country as well as those who cited that origin as their ancestry, race, and/or ethnicity regardless of where they were born. Ancestry refers to a person's ethnic origin or descent, "roots," or heritage; or the place of birth of the person, the person's parents, or ancestors before their arrival in the United States. Diaspora figures may overlap for some groups. With exception of Puerto Ricans, the term "foreign born" refers to people residing in the United States at the time of the ACS who were not U.S. citizens at birth. The foreign-born population includes naturalized citizens, lawful permanent immigrants, refugees and asylees, legal nonimmigrants (including those on student, work, or other temporary visas), and persons residing in the country without authorization. The figure for Puerto Rico refers to all born in Puerto Rico regardless of their U.S. citizenship status at birth.

- 1. Diaspora estimates include individuals who identified as Irish as well as Irish-Scotch and Scotch-Irish.
- 2. Diaspora estimates include individuals who identified their ancestry as British, English, Scottish, Welsh, British Isles, or Anglo.
- 3. Diaspora estimates exclude individuals who identified their ancestry as Basque.
- 4. Born in Puerto Rico, regardless of their US citizenship status at birth.
- 5. Country of birth estimates include Hong Kong and Macao, but not Taiwan. Diaspora estimate excludes persons reporting "Taiwanese alone" ancestry.
- 6. Diaspora estimates include individuals who identified as Canadian and as French Canadian.

Sources: Migration Policy Institute analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2014 American Community Survey microdata. The microdata were downloaded from the Minnesota Population Center: Steven Ruggles, J. Trent Alexander, Katie Genadek, Ronald Goeken, Matthew B. Schroeder, and Matthew Sobek, Integrated Public Use Microdata Series: Version 5.0 [Machine-readable database], Minneapolis: University of Minnesota, 2016.