

NO longer “a nation of immigrants” ?

The US Immigration and Citizenship Services changed its mission statement:

Subtle Edit in Mission At Agency for Migrants. NY Times, 2/24/2018. A17. Miriam Jordan.

Before Feb. 2018

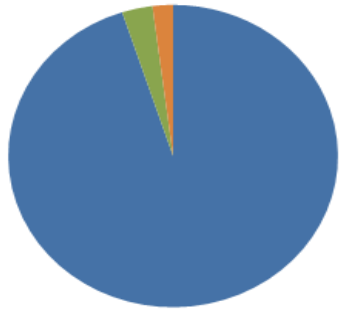
“The USCIS secures **America's promise as a nation of immigrants** by providing accurate and useful information to our customers, **granting immigration and citizenship benefits**, promoting an awareness and understanding of citizenship, and ensuring the integrity of our immigration system.”

After Feb 2018

“The USCIS administers the nation's lawful immigration system, safeguarding its integrity and promise by efficiently and fairly adjudicating requests for immigration benefits while **protecting Americans, securing the homeland and honoring our values.**”

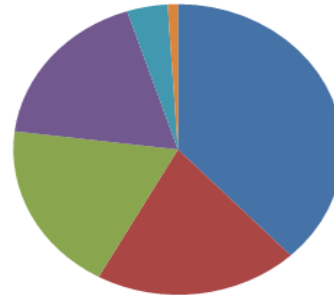
A Historical Perspective on Immigration: The increased “browning” of the USA

1820-1880



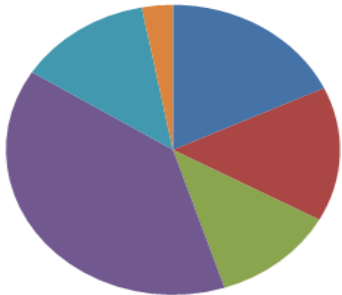
- North and West Europe 95%
- North America
- Other 2%

1921-60



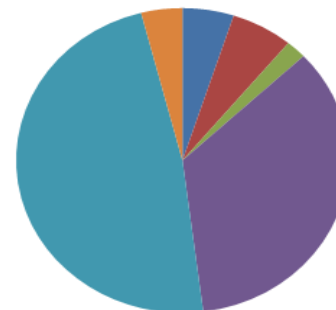
- North and West Europe 38%
- South/East Europe 20%
- North America 19%
- Latin America 18%
- Asia 4%
- Other 1%

1961-1970



- North and West Europe 18%
- South and East Europe 15%
- North America 12%
- Latin America 39%
- Asia 13%
- Other 3%

1981-1985



- North and West Europe 5%
- South/East Europe 6%
- North America 2%
- Latin America 35%
- Asia 48%
- Other 4%

2001-2011: LatinUs grew by 43% > 50.5 million
2020: 60 million

Noteworthy Data

IMMIGRATION & IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

Immigrants	44,728,721	2018
Unauthorized immigrant population	12,120,000	2014
Visas granted	8,742,068	2019
Green Cards granted	1,096,611	2018
Naturalizations granted	761,901	2018
Persons removed or returned	446,370	2018
DACA recipients	387,842	2019
Asylum claims granted	38,687	2018
Refugee arrivals	22,405	2018

“Outbreak of ‘hate’ since Trump elected”: 867 incidents in 10 days after election –

Southern Poverty Law Center

San Diego Union Tribune 12/01/2016 p. B3

- ▶ TRUMP: [re Mexican immigrants]
- ▶ “They’re bringing drugs. They’re bringing crime. They’re rapists.”

▶ http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/9-outrageous-things-donald-trump-has-said-about-latinos_us_55e483a1e4b0c818f618904b

- ▶ Anti-Latino hate crime increased 176 % in major U.S. cities in the three weeks after the 2016 presidential election.

▶ [Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism , California State University, San Bernardino



“ What trash are you speaking? ”: A San Diego man beat a Syrian refugee teen for talking in Arabic [Oct. 15, 2019]

A 17 year old Syrian refugee was beaten on a trolley, on his way home from school, for speaking Arabic on the phone- by a 26 yr old.

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/11/05/us/hate-crime-syrian-refugee-san-diego/index.html>



INSULTING LABELS:

“aliens” “illegals” “wetbacks” “rapists” “anchor baby” “chain migration”, “invasion” “TERRORISTS”

27% of San Diego's pop is foreign born [344,000]

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/immigration/story/2020-07-04/new-report-shows-a-third-of-san-diego>

Origin: **115 countries** and territories

43.7% < Latin America [39.1% < Mexico],
42.9% < Asia [Philippines 13%, Vietnam 7.5%,
China 6%, India 3.6%]
6.3% < Europe

By 2030, the plurality will be from

1) ASIA 2) LATIN AMERICA 3) AFRICA

70 different languages and dialects :

1) Spanish 2) English 3) Filipino/Tagalog

20% are undocumented

In San Diego Pre COVID 94% of immigrants were employed:

1/3 of essential workers are foreign born:

1/3 of Health workers are non-citizens [= green card plus undocumented]

2/3 of food production, agriculture workers are non-citizens.

Wong, Tom K. and Mikayla Sanchez. 2020. *Immigrant Integration in the City of San Diego*. La Jolla, CA: U.S. Immigration Policy Center (USIPC) at UC San Diego

IN SAN DIEGO: There are 62,299 immigrant entrepreneurs

Immigrants pay \$9.6 Billion in taxes yearly

Immigrants have \$16.3 B in spending power

Immigrant households have 27.8% of all spending power in the county [San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium]

EXCLUSION/ DEPORTATION

“Trump expelled >100,000 adults and children”

Adults separated from children

“2,000 unaccompanied children sent home” 8/28/2020

Muslim travel ban, Jan. 2017:

Executive Order 13769, titled Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States: Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Yemen

Amended and supported by Supreme Court [6/2018] Now 13 countries.

Naturalization process limited to 3 categories:

[Online naturalization application: \$640>\$1,160, Asylum= \$50 [Oct 2]

1-Those w immediate family members who are citizens

2-Highly skilled professionals requested by companies

3-Political humanitarian refugees

**[“Temporary Protection Status (TPS) dissolved” for 400,000 immigrants”
allowed to stay in US after disaster, upheld Sept 13, 2020]**

Anti Immigrant policies/practices/projects

DACA

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)= DEAMERS
Pursuant to Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Chad Wolf's July 28, 2020... today USCIS issued implementing guidance (PDF, 1.7 MB). **We will reject all initial DACA requests from aliens who have never previously been granted DACA.** <https://www.uscis.gov/i-821d>

RENEWAL yearly, not every two years @\$495.00 [7/20200]

DETENTION: Sept 13: A whistleblower exposed ICE for performing mass hysterectomies at a detention center in GA. Meanwhile, thousands still suffer in ICE detention and prisons amid COVID-19 [one death in OTAY MESA], w 577 unaccompanied children in hotels instead of licensed HHS shelters. [CLOSE THE CAMPS.com]
Deaths by Border Patrol=20 in 2019.

Laurence Freeman OSB, “Forgiveness and Compassion” in **ASPECTS OF LOVE (London: Medio Media/Arthur James, 1997), pp. 72, 73-74.**

Nothing is easier, or gives greater satisfaction, than to blame others for what has gone wrong in our own life [or in the world] This is the beginning of racist persecutions, ethnic cleansings, and holocausts. This is the beginning of witch-hunts and all kinds of personal or collective inhumanity. This is one of the most terrible parts of human nature: that we can take a perverse pleasure in blaming others, projecting on them our own problems and faults, making them scapegoats.

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But deep prayer leads us out of the darkness. It allows us to forgive. It tells us the only way is the way of forgiveness and love. In fact, Jesus makes this the crux of his moral teaching. It is all he tells us to do: love one another. Especially our enemies.

DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO

Dear Ana

Thank you so much for your warm letter. The temporary blockage of the executive order is a great tragedy, not only for the undocumented, but for the unity of our nation + the cause of justice. I believe that the failure of comprehensive reform is a grave wound in the heart of Christ today in the U.S.

I look forward to seeing you when I visit St Louis

In Christ
Bishop Robert McElroy



“...the failure of comprehensive reform is a grave wound in the heart of Christ today”

note from Bishop Robert McElroy to ACZ, 2017

LOCAL:

Push local measures
and resources such as
Welcoming San Diego

STATE:

Monitoring the
implementation of
SB 54, in our local law
enforcement agencies

FEDERAL:

A New Border Vision,
a framework that upholds
the dignity and rights of all
people at our borders

San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium

----a project started by ALLIANCE SAN
DIEGO in 2007 now **includes over 50
organizations.**

It seeks to continue fostering our
region's values by defending the civil
and human rights of immigrants and
refugees, educating and empowering
immigrants and refugees on their rights
and the resources available to them,
and countering the myths and untruths
made about immigrants and refugees.

REFORMS NEEDED:

NATIONAL: Pathways to citizenship for immigrants in USA
Expanded family visas
Market driven worker visas [2M farmworkers, 50, 000 visas]
Close the camps
Hold 20,000 Border agents accountable

STATEWIDE:

Enforce California Senate Bill 54.. commonly referred to as "SB 54" and also known as the "California Values Act" is a 2017 California state law that prevents state and local law enforcement agencies from using their resources on behalf of federal immigration enforcement agencies. The law allows for cooperation between local, state and federal law enforcement in cases of violent illegal immigrants.

LOCAL: Welcoming San Diego [<https://welcomingsd.org/strategic-plan/>]

Economic Opportunity

Education

Inclusive Access

Civic Engagement

Safe and Connected Communities



E PLURIBUS UNUM

- ▶ Diversity contributes to the strengthening of our nation by offering us the opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to democracy, equality and justice for all. E PLURIBUS UNUM.
- ▶ THE AMERICAN DREAM IS NOT DREAMT IN ENGLISH ONLY