

Benchmark: G3a

Table 4. Region of Birth and Year of Entry in 2005 (In Thousands)

Region	Number	Year of Entry*			
		Pre-1980	1980-89	1990-99	2000-05
Mexico	10,805	1,839	2,262	3,852	2,852
East Asia	6,256	1,473	1,729	1,894	1,160
Europe	4,519	1,936	587	1,324	672
Caribbean	3,213	993	846	907	467
Central America	2,643	366	744	951	582
South America	2,241	391	487	690	673
South Asia	1,800	205	319	727	549
Middle East	1,163	296	257	364	246
Canada	674	344	49	165	116
Sub-Saharan Africa	656	70	96	236	254
Not Reported/Oceania	1,187	187	193	453	354
Total	35,157	8,100	7,569	11,563	7,925

Source: Center for Immigration Studies analysis of March 2005 Current Population Survey.
* Indicates the year that immigrants said they came to the United States to stay.

Brief Constructed Response Prompt:

Based on the figures above, what changes might be expected in American culture? What recent trends can you cite to support this prediction?

Desired Response(s): Answers may vary; one possible response...

Since more people are entering the US from Mexico and east Asia, we might expect to see more restaurants, radio stations, food stores and other businesses that provide services to these groups. Americans could be expected to learn more about individuals (entertainers, leaders, or neighbors) from these groups. Attitudes toward immigration could become more positive, or a backlash against immigrants could result.

Rubric

2 = This response gives a valid explanation with an accurate and relevant details/examples.

1 = This response gives a valid explanation with an inaccurate, irrelevant, or no details/examples.

0 = inaccurate or no response