**The Four Waves in US Immigration History**

General: <http://www.migrationinformation.org/datahub/historicaltrends.cfm>

Historical Graph:

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/programs/data-hub/us-immigration-trends>

Dynamic metro map by national origin: (fun!)

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/programs/data-hub/charts/us-immigrant-population-metropolitan-area>

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1. 1790-1820: Most from British Isles, mostly Protestant, English speaking (Industrial Rev)

(“founder group”)

2. 1820-1860: Catholics of Ireland and Germany (Industrial Rev) become increasingly significant

3. 1880-1914: Southern & Eastern Europe, some from Asia but

-1882 Chinese Exclusion Act, and later

-1907 the “Gentleman’s Agreement” with Japan

policy designed to perpetuate earlyr1900s ethnic mix, favoring Europeans, blocking Asians

the slack time of 1915-1964 (WWI, The Great Depression, WWII: the Bracero Program)

4. 1965- ~present: priority shifts from national origin based preferences (European) to family reunification and job skill recruitment

Europe: just over 10% of total

Asians: ~20%

Latinos: just over half