



Statistical Portrait of the Foreign-Born Population in the United States, 2008

Table 3. Foreign Born, by Region of Birth: 2000 and 2008

Universe: 2000 and 2008 foreign-born resident population

	2008 population	2000 population	Percent, 2008	Percent, 2000
Mexico	11,451,299	9,163,463	30.1	29.4
South and East Asia	9,079,578	7,195,764	23.9	23.1
Caribbean	3,429,422	2,954,820	9.0	9.5
Central America	2,749,071	2,029,383	7.2	6.5
South America	2,555,720	1,920,007	6.7	6.2
Middle East	1,344,782	1,137,898	3.5	3.7
All other	7,406,230	6,732,146	19.5	21.6
Total	38,016,102	31,133,481	100.0	100.0

Note: Middle East consists of Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Israel/Palestine, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, Yemen, Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Sudan.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of 2000 Census (5% IPUMS) and 2008 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS)