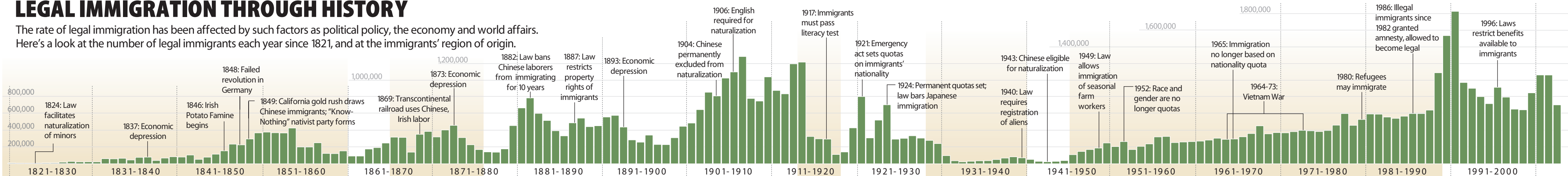


LEGAL IMMIGRATION THROUGH HISTORY

The rate of legal immigration has been affected by such factors as political policy, the economy and world affairs. Here's a look at the number of legal immigrants each year since 1821, and at the immigrants' region of origin.



THE GROWTH OF AMERICAN INDUSTRY
The industrial revolution that continued into the 19th century fueled a new need for labor in the United States while agrarian workers in Europe were looking for employment.

CIVIL WAR RECONSTRUCTION

THE ERA OF BIG BUSINESS AND PROGRESSIVISM
Large monopolies offered industrial jobs, but at low wages. Immigrants took the jobs and poor conditions, angering reformers and unions.

WWI ROARING TWENTIES
Nativism increases, with strict immigration laws.

GREAT DEPRESSION
More people left than immigrated.

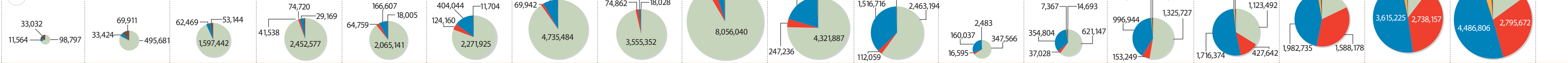
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THE COLD WAR ERA
The end of quotas based on national origin, immigration from Mexico and an increase of refugees from Southeast Asia meant that Europe no longer was the home of most U.S. immigrants.

POST-COLD WAR

IMMIGRANTS' HOMELAND

Size of circle represents total number of immigrants.



Year	Total	From China
1821-1830	143,439	2
1831-1840	599,125	8
1841-1850	1,713,251	35
1851-1860	2,598,214	41,397
1861-1870	2,314,824	64,301
1871-1880	2,812,191	123,201
1881-1890	5,246,613	61,711
1891-1900	3,687,564	14,799
1901-1910	8,795,386	20,605
1911-1920	5,735,811	21,278
1921-1930	4,107,209	29,907
1931-1940	528,431	4,928
1941-1950	1,035,039	16,709
1951-1960	2,515,479	9,657
1961-1970	3,321,677	34,764
1971-1980	4,493,314	124,326
1981-1990	7,338,062	346,747
1991-2000	9,095,417	419,114

Immigration records did not include African slaves. Early immigration records also did not include arrivals at Pacific ports or arrivals at land borders. From 1820-1867, the government recorded only arrivals at seaports. From 1868-1892 and 1895-1897, all immigrant arrivals were recorded. From 1892-1894 and 1898-2003, only immigrants admitted for permanent residence were recorded. From 1892-1903, immigrants arriving in cabin class were not recorded as immigrants. Immigrants entering by land were not fully recorded until 1908.

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