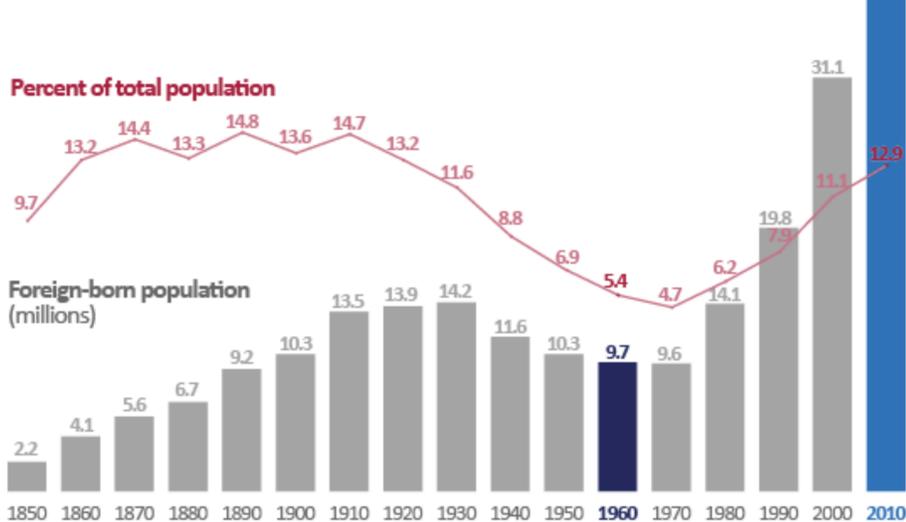


America's Foreign Born in the Last 50 Years

During the last 50 years, the foreign-born population of the United States has undergone dramatic changes in size, origins, and geographic distribution. This population represented about 1 in 20 residents in 1960, mostly from countries in Europe who settled in the Northeast and Midwest. Today's foreign-born population makes up about one in eight U.S. residents, mostly immigrants from Latin America and Asia who have settled in the West and South. The Decennial Census and the annual American Community Survey allow us to trace the changes in the foreign-born population over time.

Long-term trends

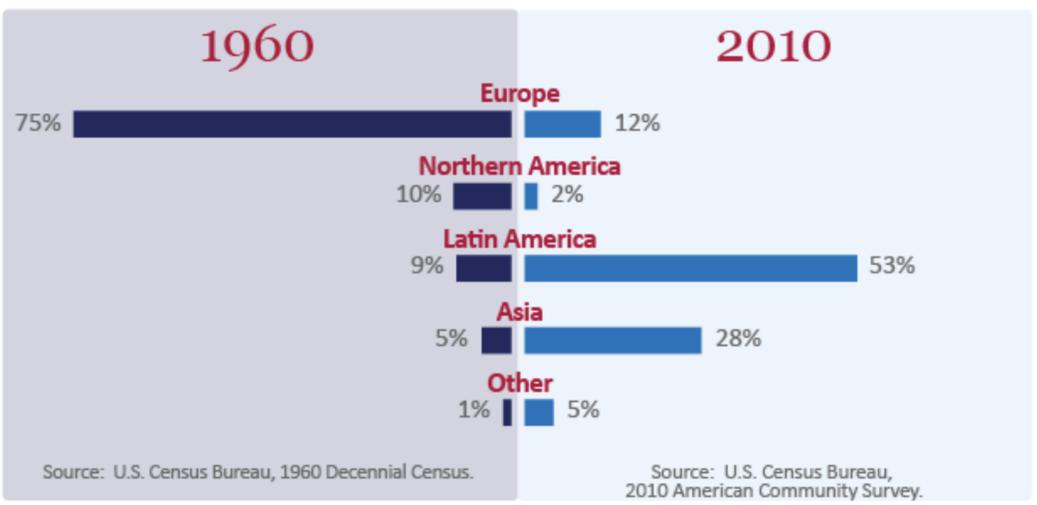
Foreign-Born Population and as Percent of Total Population



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1850–2000 Decennial Census; 2010 American Community Survey.

Where they come from

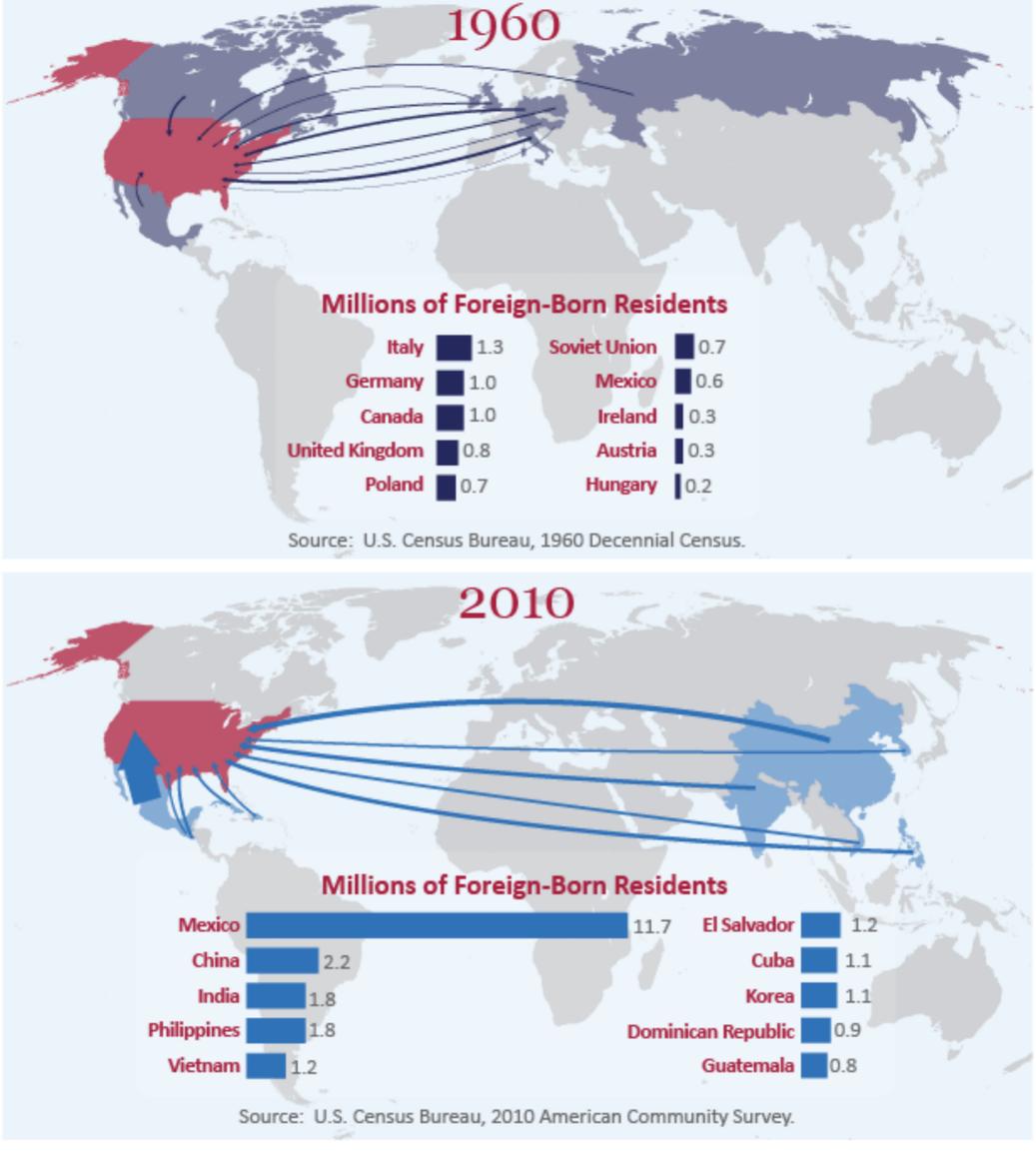
Change in Foreign-Born Population by Region of Birth



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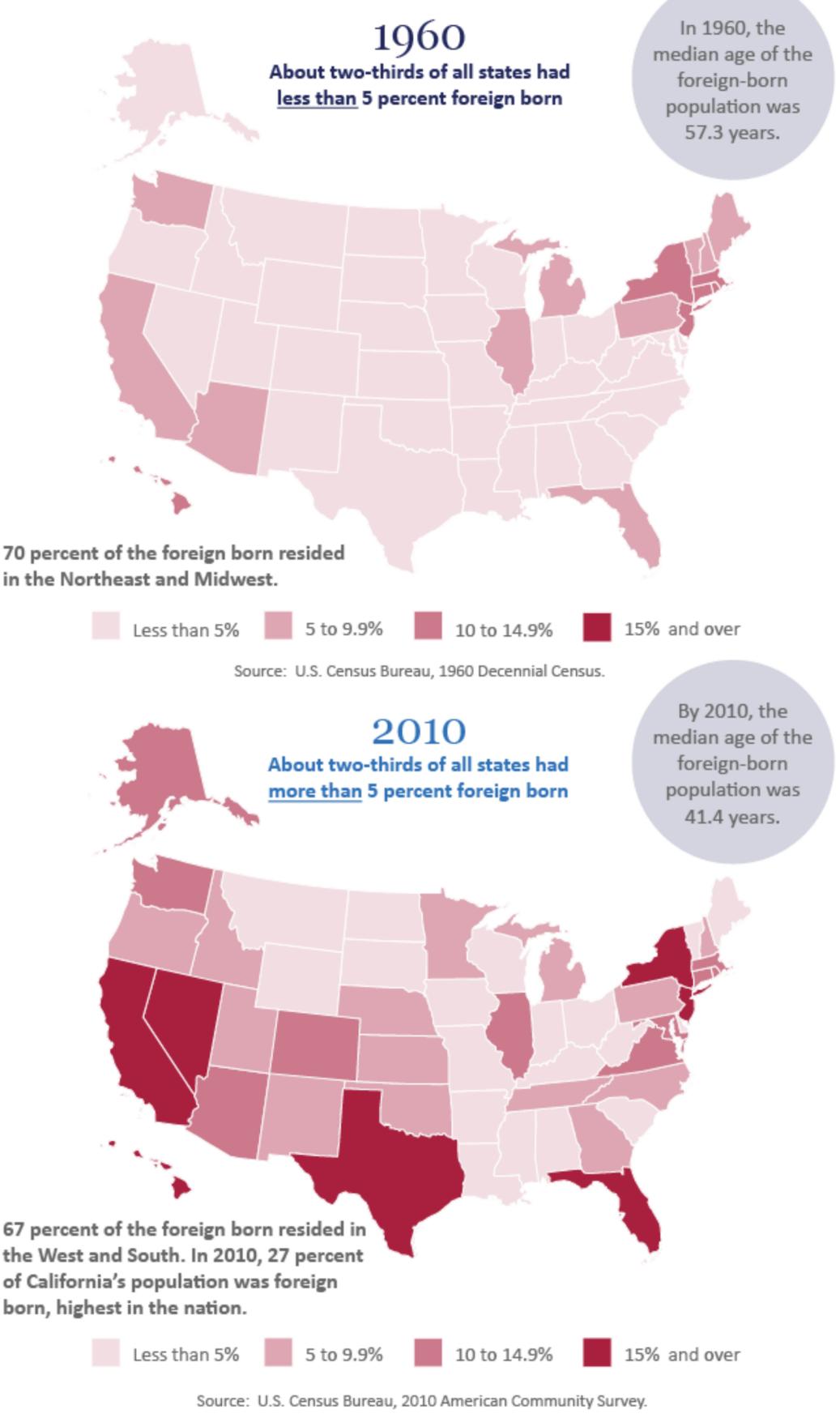
Top 10 Countries of Birth



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 American Community Survey.

Where they live

Foreign-Born Population as a Percent of State Population



Source: The Size, Place of Birth, and Geographic Distribution of the Foreign-Born Population in the United States: 1960 to 2010

<http://www.census.gov/population/foreign/files/WorkingPaper96.pdf>