Immigrant Advances in Metropolitan New York

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Objectives of Presentation

- Look at Change of New York Area Immigrants
- Present Information on the Size and Composition of Foreign Born
- Location of Foreign Born
- How Various Immigrant Groups Are Faring in New York Metro Area
Data Sources Used

• Data from 1990 and 2000 Census
• Give a Good Picture of Size and Location of Groups
• Census 2000 Supplementary Survey
• Attempt to have Mini-Long Form During Census 2000
• PUMS Data Not Yet Released
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Source: Census 1990 and Census 2000
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Source: Census 2000
## Change in Foreign Born by Continent

| Continent  | Census 1990 | Census 2000 | Change  
|------------|-------------|-------------|---------
| Foreign Born | 4,097,854   | 5,714,427   | 1,616,573  
|            |             |             | 39.4%   
| Africa     | 86,084      | 186,601     | 100,517  
|            | 2.1%        | 3.3%        | 116.8%  
| Americas   | 1,654,364   | 2,746,122   | 1,091,758  
|            | 40.4%       | 48.1%       | 66.0%   
| Asia       | 811,620     | 1,396,877   | 585,257  
|            | 19.8%       | 24.4%       | 72.1%   
| Europe     | 1,325,671   | 1,373,363   | 47,692  
|            | 32.4%       | 24.0%       | 3.6%    
| Oceania    | 8,150       | 11,422      | 3,272   
|            | 0.2%        | 0.2%        | 40.1%   

Source: Census 1990 and Census 2000
Patterns of Change

- Massive Growth of Immigrants
- Growth from Asia and Latin America Immense
- Minimal Growth from Europe
- Growth Throughout Region
- New York City (especially Queens) Immigrant Hub
## Top 18 Foreign Origins in Tri-State Area

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<tr>
<th>Country of Origin</th>
<th>Census 2000</th>
<th>Percent of Foreign Born</th>
<th>Cumulative Percent</th>
<th>Census 1990</th>
<th>Change in Number</th>
<th>Percent Change</th>
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<td>Dominican Republic</td>
<td>507,902</td>
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<td>279,934</td>
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<td>China</td>
<td>380,850</td>
<td>6.7%</td>
<td>15.6%</td>
<td>149,069</td>
<td>231,781</td>
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<td>Jamaica</td>
<td>289,732</td>
<td>5.1%</td>
<td>20.6%</td>
<td>184,857</td>
<td>104,875</td>
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<td>India</td>
<td>251,843</td>
<td>4.4%</td>
<td>25.0%</td>
<td>126,698</td>
<td>125,145</td>
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<td>Mexico</td>
<td>242,138</td>
<td>4.2%</td>
<td>29.3%</td>
<td>58,976</td>
<td>183,162</td>
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<td>Russia /USSR</td>
<td>236,163</td>
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<td>33.4%</td>
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<td>91.1%</td>
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<td>Italy</td>
<td>232,147</td>
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<td>Ecuador</td>
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<td>Columbia</td>
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<td>Poland</td>
<td>174,160</td>
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<td>148,004</td>
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<td>Haiti</td>
<td>165,340</td>
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<td>Philippines</td>
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<td>Germany</td>
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<td>60.5%</td>
<td>148,327</td>
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<td>Trinidad/Tobago</td>
<td>113,787</td>
<td>2.0%</td>
<td>62.5%</td>
<td>70,673</td>
<td>43,114</td>
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<td>United Kingdom</td>
<td>108,987</td>
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Growth Very Diverse

- New York Metropolitan Immigrant Growth Very Diverse
- Origins Include Many Different Countries
- Older Source: Russia, Italy, Poland
- Caribbean: Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Haiti
- New Sources: Mexico, Ecuador, Colombia
- Asia: China and India
Settlement Patterns

- New York and Some Other Urban Centers Most Intense
- Growth Moving Out Into Suburbs
- Settlement Patterns Vary By Group
East Harlem, the Lower East Side, and the Lower West Side had the highest population density in turn-of-the-century New York. The density of immigrants in the Lower East Side was most remarkable; particularly considering that most lived in tenements no more than four stories high.
Economic and Social Status

- Varies Greatly By Group
- Some In Highly Professional Areas
- Some In Entrepreneurial Businesses
- Some Economically Advanced
- Some Impoverished
- Some Mostly Family, Others Not
- Data Not Reliable, But Seems Consistent
Earnings of Workers From Various Groups

Dominican Republic
China All
Jamaica
India
Mexico
Russia/USSR
Italy
Ecuador
Columbia
Poland
Haiti
Guyana
Korea
Phillipines
At Least BA 25 and Over for Various Groups

- Dominican Republic
- China All
- Jamaica
- India
- Mexico
- Russia / USSR
- Italy
- Ecuador
- Columbia
- Poland
- Haiti
- Guyana
- Korea
- Phillipines
Percent Managerial/Professional Occupation Various Groups

Dominican Republic
China All
Jamaica
India
Mexico
Russia / USSR
Italy
Ecuador
Columbia
Poland
Haiti
Guyana
Korea
Philippines
Varying Immigrant Fortunes

• Groups and Individuals in Each Group Different Credit Needs
• Some Entrepreneurial, Others Work in Low Wage Service Jobs
• Some Highly Professional, Developing High-Income Communities
• One Would Expect Groups (Such as Mexicans to Settle
Other Information on New York Area

- [www.gothamgazette.com/demographics](http://www.gothamgazette.com/demographics)
- [www.socialexplorer.org](http://www.socialexplorer.org)

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