



Statistical Portrait of the Foreign-Born Population
in the United States, 2006

Table 3. Foreign Born by Region of Birth: 2000 and 2006

Universe: 2000 and 2006 foreign-born resident population

	2006 population	2000 population	Percent, 2006	Percent, 2000
Mexico	11,534,972	9,163,463	30.8	29.4
South and East Asia	8,860,407	7,195,764	23.6	23.1
Caribbean	3,354,549	2,954,820	9.0	9.5
Central America	2,669,558	2,029,383	7.1	6.5
South America	2,499,467	1,920,007	6.7	6.2
Middle East	1,279,161	1,137,898	3.4	3.7
All other	7,271,273	6,732,146	19.4	21.6
Total	37,469,387	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 2006 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS)