

CHARACTERISTICS OF MIGRANTS

Immigrant Characteristics from U.S. Data Sources

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United States Census (1990)

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Characteristic	U.S. Total	Total Mexican Migrants			Naturalized Citizens			Aliens		
		Total	'80-89	Pre-'80	Total	'80-89	Pre-'80	Total	'80-89	Pre-'80
9th-12th, no diploma	14.38	17.59	18.93	16.88	17.47	19.30	17.07	17.64	18.87	16.78
High school graduate	29.99	11.61	11.23	11.81	14.75	12.82	15.19	10.47	10.97	10.12
Some college	18.74	6.70	6.07	7.04	9.25	5.91	9.99	5.78	6.09	5.56
Assoc. deg., occup.	3.29	1.40	1.26	1.47	1.88	1.10	2.05	1.22	1.28	1.18
Assoc. deg., acad.	2.87	1.13	0.99	1.20	1.69	0.84	1.88	0.93	1.01	0.86
Bachelor's degree	13.11	2.08	2.35	1.94	3.11	1.96	3.37	1.71	2.41	1.23
Master's degree	4.73	0.60	0.69	0.56	0.93	0.45	1.04	0.49	0.73	0.31
Professional degree	1.73	0.68	1.18	0.41	0.61	0.65	0.61	0.70	1.27	0.31
Doctorate degree	0.76	0.14	0.17	0.12	0.23	0.19	0.24	0.11	0.17	0.06
Labor Force Status										
16 years and older	191,829	3,784	1,698	2,086	898	217	681	2,886	1,481	1,405
Participation rate	65.30	69.70	71.70	68.08	68.71	75.28	66.61	70.01	71.17	68.79
Unemployment rate (Pct. of labor force)	6.30	11.27	11.97	10.66	9.45	10.26	9.16	11.82	12.24	11.37
Industry										
Employed persons, 16 years and older	115,681	2,334	1,070	1,264	556	146	409	1,778	923	855
Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	2.69	12.93	15.56	10.71	10.02	14.92	8.27	13.84	15.66	11.88
Mining	0.63	0.45	0.29	0.58	0.71	0.48	0.80	0.37	0.26	0.48
Construction	6.24	10.41	11.75	9.28	9.48	11.86	8.62	10.71	11.74	9.60
Manufacturing	17.69	26.62	24.91	28.06	25.64	25.07	25.85	26.92	24.88	29.13

Table 1 (Continued)

Characteristic	U.S. Total	Total Mexican Migrants			Naturalized Citizens			Aliens		
		Total	'80-89	Pre-'80	Total	'80-89	Pre-'80	Total	'80-89	Pre-'80
Transportation, communications and other public utilities	7.09	3.35	2.24	4.29	4.53	2.48	5.27	2.98	2.20	3.82
Wholesale trade	4.38	4.99	4.81	5.14	4.82	4.85	4.81	5.04	4.81	5.30
Retail trade	16.84	17.51	20.17	15.26	16.26	20.37	14.79	17.90	20.14	15.48
Finance, insurance, and real estate	6.90	2.07	1.29	2.73	2.93	1.33	3.50	1.80	1.28	2.35
Services	32.75	20.65	18.56	22.41	23.27	18.01	25.14	19.83	18.65	21.10
Public administration	4.79	1.02	0.41	1.53	2.33	0.63	2.94	0.61	0.38	0.86
Household Income										
Households	91,994	1,410	435	975	418	72	346	992	363	628
Less than \$5,000	6.18	7.62	8.87	7.06	7.82	8.85	7.61	7.53	8.87	6.76
\$5,000-\$9,999	9.27	11.24	12.55	10.65	11.34	12.56	11.09	11.19	12.55	10.41
\$10,000-\$14,999	8.84	13.34	15.99	12.16	12.86	17.06	11.98	13.54	15.78	12.26
\$15,000-\$24,999	17.53	24.31	26.72	23.23	23.02	27.06	22.18	24.85	26.65	23.81
\$25,000-\$34,999	15.84	17.36	16.20	17.87	16.91	15.91	17.13	17.54	16.25	18.29
\$35,000-\$49,999	17.86	14.46	11.74	15.67	14.46	10.46	15.29	14.46	11.99	15.88
\$50,000-\$74,999	14.98	8.50	5.98	9.62	9.53	5.99	10.27	8.06	5.98	9.26
\$75,000-\$99,999	5.11	2.05	1.29	2.39	2.56	1.46	2.78	1.83	1.25	2.17
\$100,000 or more	4.39	1.13	0.66	1.35	1.49	0.64	1.66	0.98	0.66	1.17
Median (\$)	30,056	21,934	19,299	23,488	22,461	18,605	23,785	21,750	19,480	23,333
Mean (\$)	38,453	27,122	23,671	28,684	28,213	23,386	29,077	26,662	23,728	28,386

Source: Tabulations from 1990 U.S. Population Census.

Table 2
Characteristics of Mexican-born Persons and Households by Citizenship and Period of Entry: March 1996
(Populations and households in thousands)

Characteristic	U.S. Total	Total Mexican Migrants			Naturalized Citizens			Aliens					
		Total	'90-'96	'80-'89	Pre-'80	Total	'90-'96	'80-'89	Pre-'80	Total	'90-'96	'80-'89	Pre-'80
Age and Sex													
All persons	264,319	6,679	1,900	2,428	2,351	852	63	157	632	5,828	1,837	2,271	1,719
Less than 5 years	7.59	1.28	4.48	0.00	0.00	0.60	8.18	0.00	0.00	1.37	4.36	0.00	0.00
5 to 9 years	7.63	4.07	9.65	3.63	0.00	1.10	1.76	5.28	0.00	4.50	9.92	3.52	0.00
10 to 14 years	7.36	5.28	8.84	7.60	0.00	1.63	1.99	8.07	0.00	5.81	9.07	7.56	0.00
15 to 19 years	7.06	6.82	12.53	7.52	1.48	2.38	7.61	5.97	0.97	7.47	12.70	7.63	1.67
20 and 54 years	50.41	71.40	61.45	77.04	73.62	68.03	64.69	71.90	67.40	71.90	61.34	77.40	75.91
55 to 64 years	7.98	6.02	2.14	2.94	12.34	11.65	10.28	4.78	13.49	5.20	1.86	2.81	11.92
65 years and over	11.98	5.14	0.91	1.27	12.56	14.60	5.49	4.00	18.14	3.76	0.75	1.08	10.51
Median age	33.9	31.5	23.3	29.9	42.7	41.7	27.3	30.8	45.3	30.4	23.2	29.8	42.0
Males	32.8	30.8	22.9	29.6	42.2	39.0	27.1	28.5	44.2	29.9	22.8	29.6	41.8
Females	34.9	32.4	23.6	30.4	43.4	44.4	28.1	36.3	46.4	30.9	23.5	30.2	42.4
Educational Attainment													
18-24 years	24,843	1,116	555	353	207	62	18	14	30	1,054	537	340	177
High school	30.42	21.72	20.22	22.51	24.43	40.82	37.25	76.03	27.18	20.60	19.64	20.38	23.96
Some college	38.75	14.25	7.66	15.89	29.13	16.78	0.00	3.84	32.78	14.10	7.92	16.37	28.51
Bachelor's degree +	7.68	1.00	0.54	1.99	0.53	3.05	0.00	13.96	0.00	0.88	0.56	1.51	0.62
25 years and older	168,323	4,643	802	1,703	2,138	753	37	114	602	3,890	765	1,589	1,536
Less than 5th grade	1.80	20.28	20.00	18.27	21.98	14.81	24.74	18.67	13.46	21.34	19.77	18.25	25.32
5th-8th grade	6.29	33.68	36.00	31.96	34.18	26.25	46.10	29.07	24.49	35.12	35.51	32.17	37.97

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Characteristic	U.S. Total	Total Mexican Migrants				Naturalized Citizens				Aliens			
		Total	'90-96	'80-89	Pre-'80	Total	'90-96	'80-89	Pre-'80	Total	'90-96	'80-89	Pre-'80
9th-12th, no diploma	10.16	16.31	18.13	19.54	13.05	11.87	14.61	14.86	11.14	17.17	18.30	19.88	13.80
High school graduate	33.60	17.90	17.24	18.99	17.27	23.15	12.09	21.13	24.21	16.88	17.49	18.84	14.55
Some college	17.35	6.48	4.64	6.48	7.16	11.53	2.47	7.04	12.94	5.50	4.75	6.44	4.89
Assoc. deg., occup.	3.86	1.17	1.33	0.93	1.30	2.01	0.00	0.00	2.52	1.01	1.40	1.00	0.83
Assoc. deg., acad.	3.37	0.98	0.32	0.21	1.85	3.92	0.00	0.48	4.81	0.42	0.34	0.20	0.69
Bachelor's degree	15.77	2.58	1.36	2.97	2.72	5.36	0.00	7.48	5.29	2.04	1.43	2.64	1.72
Master's degree	5.41	0.29	0.17	0.29	0.33	0.65	0.00	1.27	0.57	0.22	0.18	0.22	0.24
Professional degree	1.44	0.17	0.44	0.22	0.03	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.19	0.46	0.24	0.00
Doctorate degree	0.96	0.17	0.36	0.12	0.13	0.38	0.00	0.00	0.48	0.13	0.38	0.13	0.00
Labor Force Status													
16 years and older	199,926	5,907	1,432	2,127	2,348	819	55	134	630	5,088	1,377	1,993	1,718
Participation rate	66.19	65.61	61.29	69.29	64.92	64.86	67.70	74.69	62.53	65.73	61.03	68.92	65.79
Unemployment rate (Pct of labor force)	5.90	21.93	26.13	24.54	16.98	10.49	19.59	11.87	9.28	23.75	26.43	25.46	19.67
Industry													
Employed persons, 16 years and older	124,523	3,449	763	1,292	1,394	503	34	94	376	2,945	729	1,198	1,018
Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	2.70	12.33	18.65	12.29	8.92	6.70	41.62	8.28	3.17	13.30	17.58	12.61	11.03
Mining	0.44	10.11	11.43	10.95	8.60	7.34	18.29	10.11	5.67	10.58	11.11	11.02	9.69
Construction	6.05	11.46	7.60	10.82	14.16	11.89	3.63	9.16	13.32	11.38	7.78	10.95	14.47
Manufacturing	16.15	15.89	16.60	16.08	15.33	19.09	15.54	19.03	19.42	15.35	16.65	15.85	13.82

Table 2 (Continued)

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		Total	'90-96	'80-89	Pre-'80	Total	'90-96	'80-89	Pre-'80	Total	'90-96	'80-89	Pre-'80
Transportation, Communications and other public utilities	6.79	4.86	4.38	4.71	5.26	5.73	5.03	5.71	4.71	4.35	4.63	5.06	
Wholesale trade	3.88	17.00	20.97	19.48	12.52	12.28	5.20	11.16	17.80	21.71	20.13	12.27	
Retail trade	16.86	1.67	0.20	1.00	3.09	3.18	0.00	1.19	1.41	0.21	0.98	2.77	
Finance, insurance, and real estate	6.59	2.76	4.81	2.98	1.44	1.27	0.00	4.78	3.02	5.03	2.84	1.79	
Services	35.99	23.06	15.36	21.47	28.73	29.10	10.68	30.58	22.02	15.58	20.76	28.12	
Public administration	4.56	0.87	0.00	0.22	1.94	3.41	0.00	0.00	0.43	0.00	0.24	0.97	
Household Income													
Households	99,626	2,383	361	870	1,152	405	14	64	1,978	346	806	825	
Less than \$5,000	3.66	5.84	10.59	5.18	4.86	5.88	0.00	0.81	5.84	11.02	5.52	3.97	
\$5,000-\$9,999	8.57	12.48	15.02	11.93	12.11	12.84	22.62	18.41	12.41	14.71	11.42	12.42	
\$10,000-\$14,999	8.75	14.24	16.63	15.70	12.40	13.35	16.73	13.19	14.43	16.62	15.89	12.07	
\$15,000-\$24,999	15.91	26.61	27.67	30.97	22.99	20.03	24.48	21.15	27.96	27.80	31.75	24.32	
\$25,000-\$34,999	14.22	17.15	17.73	15.61	18.12	15.03	33.36	20.32	17.58	17.09	15.24	20.07	
\$35,000-\$49,999	16.94	13.24	4.97	14.10	15.18	16.01	2.81	15.11	12.67	5.06	14.02	14.55	
\$50,000-\$74,999	17.10	7.29	4.02	5.25	9.85	12.09	0.00	5.87	6.31	4.19	5.20	8.28	
\$75,000-\$99,999	7.71	1.94	2.70	0.41	2.86	3.23	0.00	1.89	1.67	2.81	0.29	2.55	
\$100,000 or more	7.14	1.21	0.67	0.86	1.63	1.54	0.00	3.25	1.14	0.70	0.67	1.78	
Median (\$)	\$34,076	\$20,601	\$16,841	\$19,063	\$23,529	\$23,261	\$20,253	\$22,380	\$20,105	\$16,873	\$18,949	\$23,533	
Mean (\$)	\$44,938	\$26,481	\$21,350	\$23,845	\$30,078	\$29,499	\$18,762	\$28,268	\$25,863	\$21,457	\$23,494	\$30,026	

Source: Tabulations from March 1996 Current Population Survey prepared by The Urban Institute using the FERRET tabulation package.

**Immigration and Naturalization Service
(INS) and INS-based Samples**

**Table 3
Top Five States of Residence at Admission, with Percent Distributions
at Admission and at Naturalization: FY 1977 and 1982 Cohorts**

State	FY 1977		FY 1982	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
A. Intended State of Residence at Admission, All Immigrants				
Arizona	3.70	3.48	3.46	4.10
California	48.13	49.76	34.96	38.07
Illinois	10.41	9.84	8.63	6.28
New Mexico	1.91	1.76	2.26	1.96
Texas	24.91	27.50	37.00	40.82
B. Intended State of Residence at Admission, Immigrants Who Later Naturalized				
Arizona	3.42	4.82	2.95	4.86
California	42.38	42.53	35.14	37.02
Illinois	14.35	13.25	17.20	8.87
New Mexico	1.42	2.10	1.80	2.12
Texas	22.71	26.20	27.04	32.70
C. Naturalized Immigrants				
Arizona	3.52	5.56	3.20	5.21
California	41.25	40.71	34.28	36.29
Illinois	12.72	11.51	16.30	9.06
New Mexico	1.08	2.13	1.43	1.62
Texas	24.05	28.10	25.92	31.12

Table 4
Age Distribution, Legal Immigrants: Fiscal Years 1971, 1977, 1982, 1994

Subset	Summary Characteristics					Maximum
	Mean	S.D.	Q(.25)	Q(.5)	Q(.75)	
A. FY 1971 Legal Immigrants (N = 370,478)						
Men born in Mexico	20.97	14.06	13	18	27	69
Men born elsewhere	26.32	15.44	15	27	34	95
Women born in Mexico	21.05	16.39	9	18	29	74
Women born elsewhere	26.59	15.82	17	25	35	90
B. FY 1977 Legal Immigrants (N = 462,315)						
Men born in Mexico	22.58	13.19	14	23	29	98
Men born elsewhere	28.86	17.76	16	27	39	99
Women born in Mexico	23.26	14.94	13	23	31	95
Women born elsewhere	30.55	18.53	18	27	41	99
C. FY 1982 Legal Immigrants (N = 594,131)						
Men born in Mexico	23.74	12.26	17	24	29	98
Men born elsewhere	26.75	16.27	15	25	35	98
Women born in Mexico	24.56	15.12	14	23	32	95
Women born elsewhere	28.37	17.48	16	26	37	98
D. FY 1994 Legal Immigrants (N = 804,416)						
Men born in Mexico	20.59	14.06	11	18	25	95
excl. legalization dep.	23.38	15.19	13	20	28	95
Men born elsewhere	30.10	17.66	17	29	40	99
Women born in Mexico	25.82	15.49	14	24	34	98
excl. legalization dep.	27.32	16.22	16	25	36	98
Women born elsewhere	31.58	18.01	19	29	42	99

Notes: Figures for 1977, 1982, and 1994 are calculated from the INS microdata public use files; 1971 figures are calculated from a one-in-one-hundred sample of the immigrant cohort. Cohort sizes refer to the complete cohorts; missing data on sex or age may slightly reduce the size of the populations/sample on which calculations are based. Data for 1982 include 2,300 Silva case adjustments. Data for 1994 exclude 6,022 IRCA-legalized persons but includes 34,074 legalization dependents. The minimum age observed in all groups in all years is zero, which represents infants less than one year old. Q denotes the quantile function; thus, Q(.25) denotes the 25th percentile and Q(.5) denotes the median.

Table 5
Age Distribution, FY 1994 Legal Immigrants, by Visa Category

Subset	Summary Characteristics						N
	Mean	S.D.	Q(.25)	Q(.5)	Q(.75)	Maxi- mum	
A. Employment Visas, Except Third Preference "Other Workers" and Fourth Preference: Principals							
Men born in Mexico	32.62	8.47	27	31	38	68	641
Men born elsewhere	36.97	8.45	31	35	42	86	21,940
Women born in Mexico	33.29	6.89	29	33	37	57	100
Women born elsewhere	34.67	7.71	29	33	39	77	10,183
B. Employment Visas, Except Third Preference "Other Workers" and Fourth Preference: Spouses							
Men born in Mexico	34.05	8.41	27	34	37	61	41
Men born elsewhere	38.43	8.83	32	37	43	92	5,345
Women born in Mexico	32.00	7.58	27	31	37	57	465
Women born elsewhere	35.27	8.16	29	34	40	76	18,768
C. Employment Visas, Third Preference "Other Workers": Principals							
Men born in Mexico	32.32	6.98	27	30	36	55	194
Men born elsewhere	36.38	8.70	30	34	41	69	1,438
Women born in Mexico	34.03	8.70	29	32	37	66	73
Women born elsewhere	39.61	9.36	32	38	45	82	2,431
D. Employment Visas, Third Preference "Other Workers": Spouses							
Men born in Mexico	32.76	5.05	29	32	38	40	21
Men born elsewhere	41.66	10.59	33	40	49	85	938
Women born in Mexico	31.44	7.32	26	30	36	58	117
Women born elsewhere	35.48	8.41	29	34	40	73	876
E. Sibling Visas: Principals							
Men born in Mexico	43.06	11.50	34	43	51	76	1,026
Men born elsewhere	46.08	9.56	39	46	53	83	9,502
Women born in Mexico	42.19	11.66	34	42	51	80	1,071
Women born elsewhere	46.13	9.82	39	45	53	84	9,362

Table 5 (Continued)

Subset	Summary Characteristics						N
	Mean	S.D.	Q(.25)	Q(.5)	Q(.75)	Maximum	
E. Sibling Visas: Spouses							
Men born in Mexico	45.02	11.48	36	45	53	77	525
Men born elsewhere	48.64	9.62	42	48	55	87	5,656
Women born in Mexico	40.76	10.19	33	40	48	70	702
Women born elsewhere	42.50	8.76	37	42	48	77	7,026
F. Spouses of U.S. Citizens							
Men born in Mexico	27.04	7.14	23	25	29	84	9,786
Men born elsewhere	32.04	8.56	26	30	36	91	48,943
Women born in Mexico	29.26	9.05	23	27	33	85	10,041
Women born elsewhere	31.31	10.00	25	29	35	96	76,470
G. Parents of U.S. Citizens							
Men born in Mexico	63.09	10.14	56	63	70	95	1,742
Men born elsewhere	64.45	8.49	59	64	70	99	18,112
Women born in Mexico	60.17	10.41	53	60	67	98	3,199
Women born elsewhere	61.97	9.17	56	62	68	99	33,313
H. Minor Children of U.S. Citizens							
Boys born in Mexico	12.06	5.36	8	13	17	20	2,732
Boys born elsewhere	12.29	5.24	8	13	17	20	17,364
Girls born in Mexico	11.57	5.28	7	12	16	20	2,550
Girls born elsewhere	12.06	5.20	8	13	16	20	17,299
I. Adopted Children of U.S. Citizens							
Boys born in Mexico	4.46	5.45	0	2	7	19	48
Boys born elsewhere	1.94	3.27	0	0	3	19	3,492
Girls born in Mexico	3.66	4.48	0	2	6	17	47
Girls born elsewhere	1.93	3.30	0	0	2	19	4,613

Notes: Figures are calculated from the INS microdata public use files. Q denotes the quantile function; thus, Q(.25) denotes the 25th percentile and Q(.5) denotes the median.

Table 6
Schooling Distributions and School Enrollment Rates,
Persons Born in Mexico: NIS 1996 Cohort and 1990
Census Recent Entrants (Entered 1987–90)

Schooling Characteristic	NIS 1996 Cohort	U.S. 1990 Census
A. Years of Schooling Completed, Persons Aged 25 and Over		
Less than 5 years	21.2	28.1
5-8 years	29.5	28.6
9-11 years	14.6	17.6
12 years	11.0	11.1
13-15 years	9.1	8.3
16 years	5.7	3.3
17-18 years	5.3	1.1
19+ years	3.8	1.9
Mean years	8.9	–
Median	7.0	–
B. School Enrollment, Persons Aged 18 to 24 Years		
	25.4	15.7

Note: 1990 Census figures for foreign-born are drawn from published tabulations (1990 CP-3-1).

Source: Jasso, Massey, Rosenzweig, and Smith (1997).

Table 7
Schooling Distributions and School Enrollment Rates: NIS 1996
Cohort, 1990 Census Foreign-born (Entered 1987–90),
and 1990 Census Native-born

Schooling Characteristic	NIS 1996 Cohort	Foreign-Born 1990 Census	Native-Born 1990 Census
A. Years of Schooling Completed, Persons			
Aged 25 and Over			
Less than 5 years	6.8	12.1	1.8
5-8 years	12.7	11.9	6.9
9-11 years	14.1	12.9	14.3
12 years	12.4	17.6	31.1
13-16 years	32.9	32.8	38.8
17-18 years	12.1	7.5	4.7
19+ years	9.0	5.2	2.4
Mean years	12.7	–	–
Median years	13.0	12.0	12.0
B. School Enrollment,			
Persons Aged 18 to 24 Years	38.2	37.8	42.9

Note: 1990 Census figures are drawn from published tabulations (1990 CP-3-1 for the foreign-born, 1990 CP-3-2 for the native-born).

Source: Jasso, Massey, Rosenzweig, and Smith (1997).

Table 8
Years of Schooling Completed Among Mexico-born
and All Immigrants Aged 25 Years and Over at
Admission, by Visa Class: NIS 1996 Cohort

Visa Class	All Immigrants		Born in Mexico	
	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
Spouse of U.S. citizen	13.6	4.6	12.7	4.9
Parent of (adult) U.S. citizen	7.5	5.1	4.5	4.3
Sibling, principal and spouse	13.4	5.4	7.5	2.1
Employment, principal and spouse	16.1	4.3	16.0	6.1
Refugee/asylee, principal and spouse	13.1	4	–	–
Diversity, principal and spouse	14.5	3.3	–	–
Other	11.1	4.7	7.3	3.9
All Immigrants 25 and over	12.7	5.1	8.9	5.5

Note: Figures are for all immigrants in the NIS 1996 cohort (July and August 1996) who were aged 25 years and over at admission to permanent residence.

Table 9
English Language Skill Among Immigrants Born in Mexico Aged 18
Years and Over at Admission, by Whether They Ever Entered the United
States Without Inspection (EWI): NIS 1996 Cohort

English Language Proficiency	All	No EWI	Some EWI
		Experience	Experience
Speaks English “very well”	9.1	12.9	5.6
Speaks English “fairly well”	9.7	16.7	5.6
Speaks English “average or so-so”	32.9	26.2	38.1
Speaks English “not very well”	17.9	13.2	21.4
Speaks English “not well at all”	30.3	30.9	29.3

Note: Respondents classified as having EWI experience met at least one of two criteria: (i) their first trip to the United States was without legal documents, or (ii) adjustment to permanent residence was from an EWI status.

Table 10
Sex and Citizenship Type of the U.S. Citizen Sponsors of
Immediate Relatives, for All Immediate Relatives and
Those Born in Mexico: Evidence from the GAO FY 1985
Immediate-relative Immigrants File

Sponsor's Citizenship Type	Spouses	Own Children	Adopted Children	Parents
A. All Immediate-Relative Immigrants				
Birth-Citizen, Born in U.S.	76.28	52.57	97.89	2.91
Birth-Citizen, Born Abroad to U.S. Parent(s)	4.02	12.64	0	1.65
Birth-Citizen, Place of Birth Not Known	0.18	0	0	0
Naturalized Immigrant	19.52	34.79	2.92	95.44
Total Sponsored Immigrants	124,093	25,778	9,286	38,986
B. Immediate-Relative Immigrants Born in Mexico				
Birth-Citizen, Born in U.S.	74.26	48.48	0	6.67
Birth-Citizen, Born Abroad to U.S. Parent(s)	2.94	24.24	0	6.67
Birth-Citizen, Place of Birth Not Known	0.74	0	0	0
Naturalized Immigrant	22.06	27.27	0	86.67
Total Sponsored Immigrants	28,957	6,425	137	2,464
C. Immediate-Relative Immigrants Born in Mexico, Sponsored by U.S. Men				
Birth-Citizen, Born in U.S.	73.17	48.00	0	11.11
Birth-Citizen, Born Abroad to U.S. Parent(s)	4.88	20.00	0	0
Birth-Citizen, Place of Birth Not Known	2.44	0	0	0
Naturalized Immigrant	19.51	32.00	0	88.89
Total Sponsored Immigrants	8,730	4,868	NA	1,479
D. Immediate-Relative Immigrants Born in Mexico, Sponsored by U.S. Women				
Birth-Citizen, Born in U.S.	74.74	50.00	0	0
Birth-Citizen, Born Abroad to U.S. Parent(s)	2.11	37.50	0	16.67
Naturalized Immigrant	23.16	12.50	0	83.33
Total Sponsored Immigrants	20,227	1,557	NA	985

Note: All figures are sample estimates except the total numbers of immigrants in Panels A and B. All naturalized-citizen sponsors of Mexico-born immediate relatives were themselves born in Mexico except for 13.64 percent of the women sponsors of spouses, of whom two-thirds were born in Germany and the remaining one-third in Cuba. Of the birth-citizens born abroad who sponsored Mexico-born immediate relatives, all were themselves born in Mexico.

Table 11

Occupational Distributions, Immigrants Born in Mexico, Aged 21–65 at Admission to Permanent Residence: FY 1977, 1982, 1994 Cohorts

Summary Occupation Group	FY 1977 Cohort		FY 1982 Cohort		FY 1994 Cohort	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
A. Percent reporting an occupational title and percent students, all immigrants aged 21-65 years at admission						
Percent reporting occupational title	98.00	22.49	96.49	32.52	84.38	44.71
Percent students	0.72	0.66	1.18	1.77	0.75	0.41
Number aged 21-65 years	13,426	11,589	19,018	13,105	15,836	33,319
B. Percent in summary occupation groups, immigrants aged 21-65 years at admission reporting an occupational title						
Managerial and professional specialty occupations	6.61	7.64	6.96	7.39	4.75	2.64
Technical, sales, and administrative support occs.	3.92	10.90	3.11	14.41	4.74	10.71
Service occupations	12.10	18.76	9.99	25.65	15.13	21.82
Farming, forestry, and fishing occupations	8.10	2.80	9.87	4.34	4.90	9.84
Precision production, craft, and repair occupations	15.20	3.11	13.26	2.39	15.09	3.09
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	54.06	56.79	56.81	45.82	55.39	51.89
Average occupational earnings, 1979\$	16,617	16,149	16,492	16,144	16,251	15,614

Note: Panel B earnings figures for 1977 exclude 3 cases for which detailed occupation could not be unambiguously ascertained.

Table 12
Occupation of Legal Immigrants Born in Mexico Aged 21–55 Years
at Admission, with Percent Distributions at Admission and at
Naturalization, by Sex: FY 1977 and 1982 Cohorts

Summary Occupation Group	FY 1977		FY 1982	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
A. Occupation at Admission, All Immigrants				
Managerial/Professional	6.4	1.7	7.2	4.3
Technical/Sales/AdminSupport	3.9	2.5	3.0	4.9
Service Occupations	11.9	4.1	9.6	8.1
Farming/Forestry/Fishing	7.9	0.7	9.5	1.4
PrecisionProduction/Craft/Repair	15.0	0.7	16.2	3.3
Operators/Fabricators/Laborers	53.2	13.1	51.7	12.9
B. Occupation at Admission, Immigrants Who Later Naturalized				
Managerial/Professional	9.5	3.5	10.7	6.2
Technical/Sales/AdminSupport	6.2	5.1	5.4	8.9
Service Occupations	13.2	5.4	11.4	9.6
Farming/Forestry/Fishing	4.6	0.3	4.8	0.8
PrecisionProduction/Craft/Repair	14.6	0.9	16.3	5.5
Operators/Fabricators/Laborers	49.3	13.7	46.9	12.3
C. Occupation at Naturalization, Naturalized Immigrants				
Managerial/Professional	12.7	6.3	11.8	7.5
Technical/Sales/AdminSupport	8.0	12.8	8.1	16.7
Service Occupations	19.1	15.7	15.0	16.6
PrecisionProduction/Craft/Repair	14.7	3.8	10.9	3.0
Operators/Fabricators/Laborers	29.6	13.5	25.4	10.3

Note: Percentages shown are based on all persons in the age group.

Table 13
Characteristics of the Mexican Legalized Population in 1987

Social and Demographic Characteristics	
Age (Median, April 30, 1987)	30
Sex (% Males)	59%
Marital Status (% Married)	53%
Household Family Size (Persons)	3.8
Education (Median Years)	6.0
English Language Proficiency (% Speaking English Well)	10%
Work Characteristics	
Labor Force Participation (and Unemployment) Rate	
Males	96% (2.3%)
Females	65% (6.6%)
Total	83% (3.6%)
Industry of Employment	
Agriculture	9%
Construction	10%
Manufacturing	34%
Sales	24%
Services	23%
Hours Worked/Wk. Among Those Working	
Males	44
Females	40
Total	43
Mean Hourly Wage	\$7.14
Median Earnings	\$8,435
Family Income	
Mean	\$17,551
Median	\$14,875
Family Remittances	
Mean	\$1,304
Median	\$500
Share of...	
Income Remitted	7%
Families Remitting	66%

Source: INS Legalized Population Survey (INS 1990)

Table 14
Comparison of Selected Characteristics of the Mexican Legalized
Population in 1987 and 1992

	Average 1987	Average 1991
Social and Demographic Characteristics		
Age (Median, April 30, 1987)	30	
Sex (% Males)	59%	57%
Marital Status (% Married)	53%	
Household Family Size (Persons)	3.8	
Education		
Median Years	6.0	
6 or Fewer Years (%)		57
12 or More Years (%)		17
English Language Proficiency (% Speaking English Well)	10%	27%
Work Characteristics		
Labor Force Participation (and Unemployment) Rate		
Males	96% (2.3%)	93%
Females	65% (6.6%)	62%
Total	83% (3.6%)	80% (7%)
Industry of Employment		
Agriculture	9%	7%
Construction	10%	10%
Manufacturing	34%	27%
Sales	24%	27%
Services	23%	24%
Hours Worked/Wk. Among Those Working		
Males	44	41
Females	40	37
Total	43	40
Mean Hourly Wage	\$7.14	\$8.11
Median Earnings	\$8,435	\$12,091
Family Income		
Mean	\$17,551	
Median	\$14,875	\$19,112
Family Remittances		
Mean	\$1,304	\$783
Median	\$500	
Share of...		
Income Remitted	7%	
Families Remitting	66%	51%

Source: INS Legalized Population Survey, INS (1992)

[M = born in Mexico]
 [o = born elsewhere]

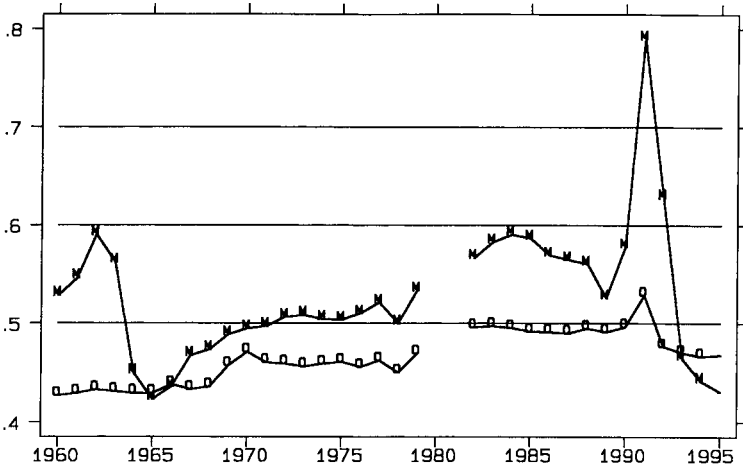


Figure 1. Proportion Male, Legal Immigrants 1960-1995

[M = born in Mexico]
 [o = born elsewhere]

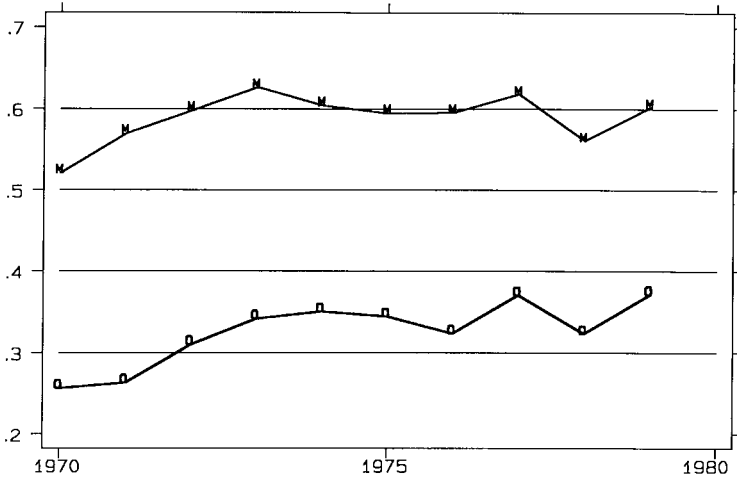


Figure 2. Proportion Male, Spouse Immigrants 1970-1979

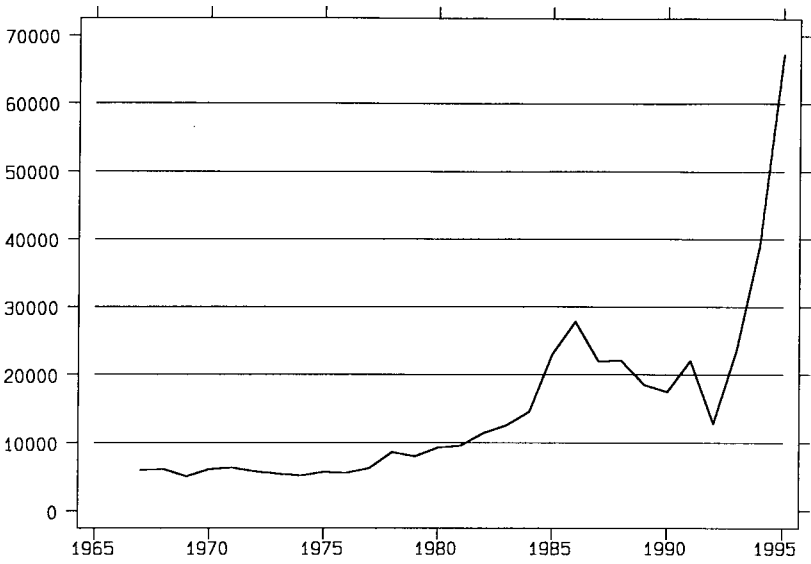


Figure 3. Annual Naturalizations of Mexico-born Persons

Farm Worker Surveys—UC/EDD (1985)

Table 15
Characteristics of U.S.-born Immigrant and Unauthorized Immigrant
Farm Workers (1985) UC-ESS Survey Data

Variable	Sample Mean			
	Full Sample	U.S.-Born	Mexican Immigrants	Unauthorized Immigrants
Skill (1=Skilled Job)	0.10	0.17	0.10	0.04
Sex (1=Male)	0.75	0.83	0.75	0.83
Foreign Born (1=Foreign Born)	0.98	0.00	1.00	0.99
Illegal Immigrant (1=Illegal)	0.26	0.17	0.27	1.00
Education (Yrs.)	4.86	6.11	4.83	4.22
U.S. Farm Experience (Yrs.)	12.58	11.06	12.62	8.22
Years Since Immigration	14.67	12.89	14.71	9.86
U.S. Citizen (1=Yes)	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.10
Commodity:				
Tree Fruit	0.13	0.00	0.13	0.15
Nuts	0.04	0.11	0.04	0.05
Fldveg	0.01	0.06	0.01	0.01
Ffruit	0.43	0.28	0.43	0.33
Other	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.07
Characteristics Of County In Which Worker Was Interviewed:				
Share Illegal	0.29	0.36	0.29	0.33
Per Capita Income	7,418.10	7,010.40	7,427.80	7,254.40
Average Rent (Monthly)	218.93	204.85	219.26	211.86
Share In:				
So. San Joaquin Valley	0.21	0.56	0.21	0.33
No. San Joaquin Valley	0.32	0.17	0.32	0.33
Sacramento Valley	0.10	0.06	0.11	0.10
Central Coast	0.12	0.06	0.12	0.10
North Coast	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
Inland So. Calif.	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.39
Average Weekly Earnings	189.82	225.61	225.61	190.20
Average Hourly Wage	5.23	4.57	5.25	5.10
Share Hired By Farm Labor				
Contractor		0.26	0.26	0.27
Sample Size	770	18	752	203

Source: Analysis of UC-EDD Survey Data. The survey is described in detail in Mines and Martin (1986).