Your Community by the Numbers: Ancestry and Foreign-Born Populations

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Objectives

✓ Learn how the Census Bureau defines foreign born and ancestry populations
✓ Learn about the Census Bureau programs and surveys that report foreign born and ancestry data
✓ Learn how to access key data products about foreign born and ancestry groups more efficiently using data.census.gov
Outline

Warm-up:
✓ Foreign Born Data

Wrapping your Head Around Census Data
✓ Understating definitions of Foreign Born, Ancestry, Race, and Ethnicity.
✓ Where Do These Data Come from? (The ACS)
✓ Are data available for all areas? (Census Geography)

ONLINE: How Can I Access Data about Foreign Born and Ancestry Groups?
✓ Exploring data.census.gov

13.5% of the U.S. population is foreign-born.
(2020 ACS)
Top 5 Foreign Born Populations by Place of Birth in the US
2020 American Community Survey - Table B50006

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<th>Population</th>
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<td>INDIA</td>
<td>2,618,558</td>
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<td>CHINA</td>
<td>2,184,189</td>
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<td>PHILIPPINES</td>
<td>1,967,140</td>
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<td>EL SALVADOR</td>
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Foreign Born population in the U.S. in the Last 50 Years
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Share of Foreign-Born Population by Region of Residence: 1850-2016

Census Terms: What is the difference?

**RACE:**
- White
- Black
- American Indian or Alaska native
- Asian (detailed groups)
- Pacific Islander

**HISPANIC ORIGIN:**
- Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin (detailed groups)
- Can be of any race and ancestry

**FOREIGN BORN:**
- Based on the Place of Birth (Example: Russia, Brazil, Bulgaria, etc.). Could be of any race, origin, and ancestry.

**ANCESTRY:**
- Respondents can have multiple ancestries. (Example: Russian, Brazilian, Bulgarian, etc.)
## Census Definitions

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<td>Foreign Born</td>
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<td>Native Born</td>
<td>The Census Bureau uses the terms native and native born to refer to anyone born in the United States, Puerto Rico, a U.S. Island Area (Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the U.S. Virgin Islands), or abroad of a U.S. citizen parent or parents.</td>
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<td>Ancestry</td>
<td>Ancestry refers to a person’s ethnic origin or descent, &quot;roots,&quot; or heritage, or the place of birth of the person or the person’s parents or ancestors before their arrival in the United States.</td>
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Where Do These Data Come From?

American Community Survey

- The nation’s most current, reliable, and accessible data source for local statistics on critical planning topics such as age, children, veterans, commuting, education, income, and employment
- Surveys 3.5 million addresses and informs over $675 billion of Federal government spending each year
- Covers 40+ topics, supports over 300 evidence-based Federal government uses, and produces 11 billion estimates each year

Three key annual data releases:

1-year Estimates:
Data for areas with populations of 65,000 or more

1-year Supplemental Estimates:
Data for areas with populations of 20,000 or more

5-year Estimates:
Data for all areas
Where Do These Data Come From?

- Where was this person born?
  - In the United States – Print name of state.
  - Outside the United States – Print name of foreign country, or Puerto Rico, Guam, etc.

- Is this person a citizen of the United States?
  - Yes, born in the United States → SKIP to 10a
  - Yes, born in Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or Northern Marianas
  - Yes, born abroad of U.S. citizen parent or parents
  - Yes, U.S. citizen by naturalization – Print year of naturalization
  - No, not a U.S. citizen

- When did this person come to live in the United States? Print numbers in boxes.
  - Year

- What is this person’s ancestry or ethnic origin?
  - (For example: Italian, Jamaican, African Am., Cambodian, Cape Verdean, Norwegian, Dominican, French Canadian, Haitian, Korean, Lebanese, Polish, Nigerian, Mexican, Taiwanese, Ukrainian, and so on.)
What Topics Are Available? ACS vs Decennial Census

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<td>Race</td>
<td>Employment Status</td>
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<td>Educational Attainment &amp; School Enrollment</td>
<td>Hispanic Origin</td>
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<td>Vacancy Characteristics</td>
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<td>Grandparents as Caregivers</td>
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<td>Marital History; Marital Status</td>
<td>Migration/Residence 1 Year Ago</td>
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<td>Place of Birth</td>
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<td>Undergraduate Field of Degree</td>
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What topics can you get from the 2020 Census?

- Age
- Race
- Hispanic or Latino Origin
- Household Relationship
- Tenure (Owned vs. Rented)
- Vacancy Characteristics
- Group Quarters

United States Census Bureau
Can I Get Data for My Area?

- ZCTA
- Congressional District
- School District
- Voting District
- County Subdivision (CCD)
- Nation
- State
- County
- Tract
- Block Group
- Block*

- American Indian Areas/Alaska Native Areas/Hawaiian
- Urban Areas
- Metro- & Micropolitan Areas
- Urban Growth Area
- State Leg. Dist.
- Places (Inc. & CDP)
- Public Use Micro-data Areas (PUMA)

*Not available for ACS data
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