

STUDENT ACTIVITY: IMMIGRATION DATA

Using the data in the table below, make a graph showing the historical trend in the number of immigrants coming to the United States and the foreign-born population as a percent of total population. Write a paragraph describing immigration trends since 1850.

Number of Immigrants to the United States and Foreign-Born Population as a Percent of Total United States Population by Decade, 1860-2000

Decade*	Number of Immigrants (Numbers in millions)	Foreign-Born Population as a Percent of Total U.S. Pop.
1860	2.6	13.2
1870	2.3	14.4
1880	2.8	13.3
1890	5.2	14.8
1900	3.7	13.6
1910	8.8	14.7
1920	5.7	13.2
1930	4.1	11.6
1940	0.5	8.8
1950	1.0	6.9
1960	2.5	5.4
1970	3.3	4.7
1980	4.5	6.2
1990	7.3	7.9
2000**	7.6	10.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Statistical Abstract of the United States, 2002*, Figures 1-1 and 1-2 (p. 9)

*For number of immigrants, decades represent the 10-year period preceding the date, e.g., 1860 = 1851-1860

**For number of immigrants, 2000 represents data from 1991-1998