



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

Table 4. Change in the Foreign-Born Population by Region of Birth: 2000 and 2006

Universe: 2000 and 2006 foreign-born resident population

	2006 population	2000 population	Change, 2000-2006	Percent change, 2000-2006	Share of total change (%)
Mexico	11,534,972	9,163,463	2,371,509	25.9	37.4
South and East Asia	8,860,407	7,195,764	1,664,643	23.1	26.3
Caribbean	3,354,549	2,954,820	399,729	13.5	6.3
Central America	2,669,558	2,029,383	640,175	31.5	10.1
South America	2,499,467	1,920,007	579,460	30.2	9.1
Middle East	1,279,161	1,137,898	141,263	12.4	2.2
All other	7,271,273	6,732,146	539,127	8.0	8.5
Total	37,469,387	31,133,481	6,335,906	20.4	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)