



**Statistical Portrait of the Foreign-Born Population  
in the United States, 2008**

**Table 8. Foreign Born, by Region of Birth and Date of Arrival: 2008**

Universe: 2008 foreign-born resident population				
	<b>Before 1990</b>	<b>1990 to 1999</b>	<b>2000 and later</b>	<b>Total</b>
Mexico	4,192,979	3,668,343	3,589,977	11,451,299
South and East Asia	3,787,368	2,560,421	2,731,789	9,079,578
Caribbean	1,740,413	906,016	782,993	3,429,422
Central America	1,088,422	784,136	876,513	2,749,071
South America	934,382	715,142	906,196	2,555,720
Middle East	590,295	341,812	412,675	1,344,782
All other	3,544,698	1,937,116	1,924,416	7,406,230
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,878,557</b>	<b>10,912,986</b>	<b>11,224,559</b>	<b>38,016,102</b>
<b>Percent Distribution</b>				
Mexico	36.6	32.0	31.3	100.0
South and East Asia	41.7	28.2	30.1	100.0
Caribbean	50.7	26.4	22.8	100.0
Central America	39.6	28.5	31.9	100.0
South America	36.6	28.0	35.5	100.0
Middle East	43.9	25.4	30.7	100.0
All other	47.9	26.2	26.0	100.0
All	41.8	28.7	29.5	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 2008 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS)