

Total and Foreign-Born chart questions

1. What was the population in 1900?
2. What percentage of the population in 1900 was foreign born?
3. What year had the highest number of foreign-born residents?
4. Why do you believe the numbers went down in the 1930s? (answer not in chart, must have some historical knowledge of events during the decade)
5. The percentage of foreign-born declined in the 1950s and 1960s, yet the overall population went up, what occurred during this time period? (answer not in chart)
6. What is the difference in population from the year 1900 to the year 1990?
7. Is the US experiencing more or less foreign-born residents in recent years?
8. Does this chart make you agree or disagree with the statement “America is a nation of immigrants”? Why or why not?

Chart answers

1. 76,212,000
2. 13.7%
3. 1910
4. Great Depression
5. Baby boom
6. 172,498,000
7. Less
8. Answers will vary

Total and Foreign-born U.S. Population: 1900-1990 (numbers in thousands)

Year	Total U.S. Population	Foreign-born	
		Total	Percent
1990	248,710	19,767	7.9
1980	226,546	14,080	6.2
1970	203,210	9,619	4.7
1960	179,326	9,738	5.4
1950	150,845	10,431	6.9
1940	132,165	11,657	8.8
1930	123,203	14,283	11.6
1920	106,022	14,020	13.2
1910	92,229	13,630	14.8
1900	76,212	10,445	13.7

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, Ethnic and Hispanic Branch.