

What do you think?

Immigration patterns have changed

There was a time when almost all immigrants to America were white Europeans, who settled mostly in the Northeast and Midwest. Not anymore!

Higher percentages of immigrants now come from Latin America and Asia...

REGION OF BIRTH OF THE U.S. FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION (percent)

	1850	1900	1960	2000
Europe	92.2	86.0	75.0	15.7
Asia	0.1	1.2	5.1	26.4
Africa	—	—	0.4	2.8
Oceania	—	—	0.4	0.6
Latin America	0.9	0.9	9.4	51.8
Northern America	6.7	6.0	9.8	2.8

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

And Sun Belt states are experiencing the greatest growth in immigrant population.

HIGHEST PERCENT CHANGE, FOREIGN-BORN IN THE U.S., 1990-2000

North Carolina	274
Georgia	233
Nevada	202
Arkansas	196
Utah	171

Source: A Profile of the U.S. Foreign-Born Population, Kevin Deardorff, U.S. Census Bureau, December 9, 2003

There are economic explanations for both of these trends. What do you think they are?



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