

Chapter 12. Foreign-Born Population

The graphics in this chapter show data on various characteristics of the foreign-born population, excluding country of birth which is covered in Chapter 13. Data shown on language reflect two different concepts, which are not comparable. Data 1910 to 1970 are for mother tongue, which is the language spoken in the person's home when he or she was a child. Data for 1980 to 2000 are for language spoken at home, which is not necessarily the same language as the person's mother tongue. While the data in the graphics in this chapter are from decennial census publications, the data are shown in time series format in Campbell Gibson and Kay Jung (2006), "Historical Census Statistics on the Foreign-Born Population of the United States: 1850 to 2000," U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division Working Paper No. 81, which includes also historical background on data on the foreign-born population. See [References](#).

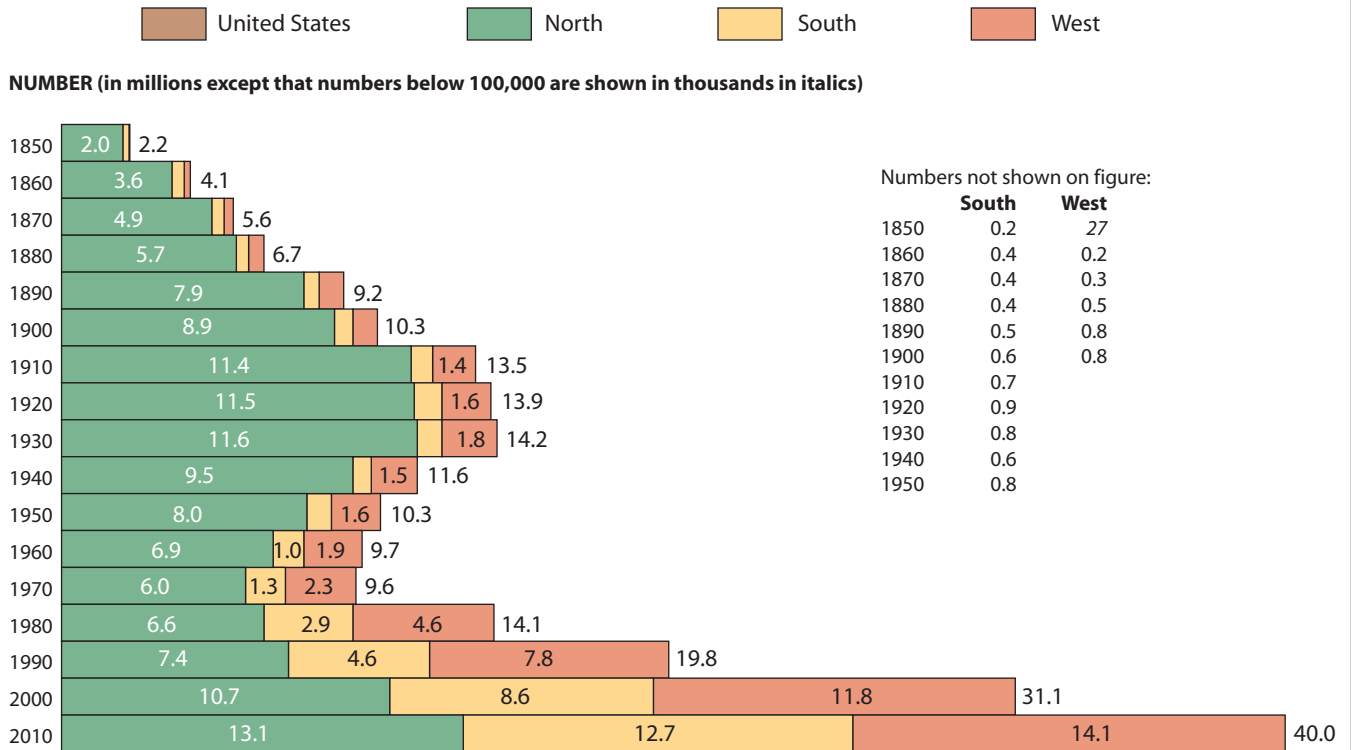
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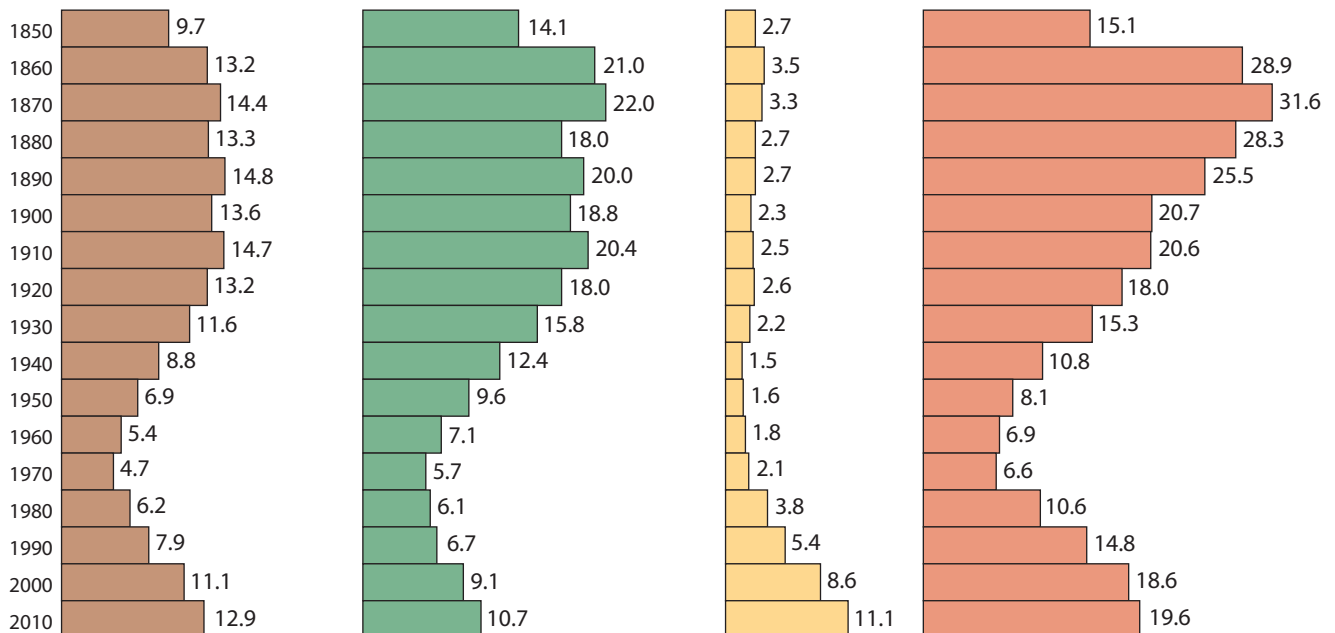
Figure 12-1.

Foreign-Born Population for the United States by Region: 1850 to 2010

(Data for 1850 and 1860 assume that the entire slave population was born in the United States)



PERCENT FOREIGN BORN IN POPULATION



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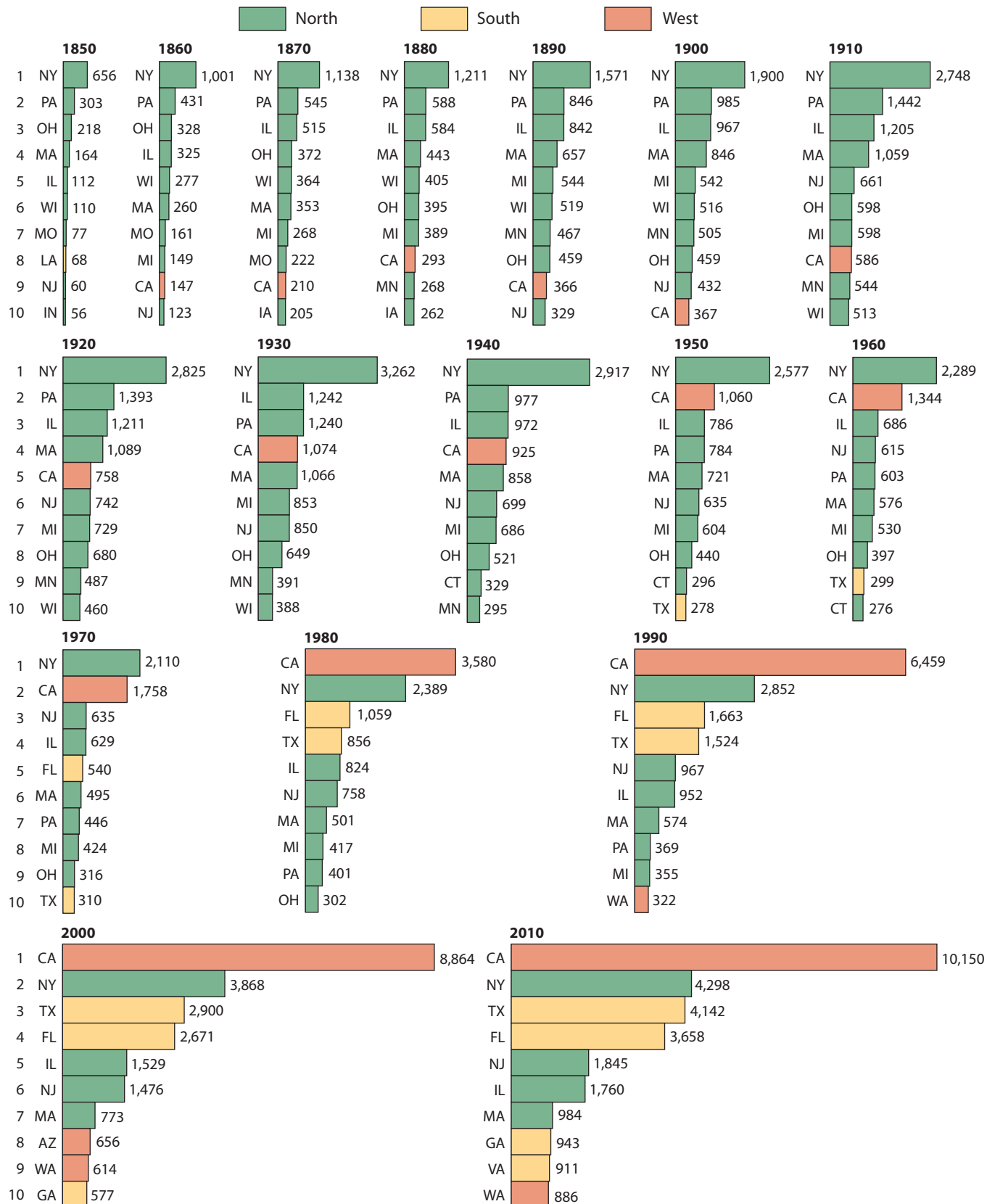
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Figure 12-2.

Ten States with the Largest Foreign-Born Population for the United States: 1850 to 2010

(Numbers in thousands. Data for 1850 and 1860 assume that the entire slave population was born in the United States)



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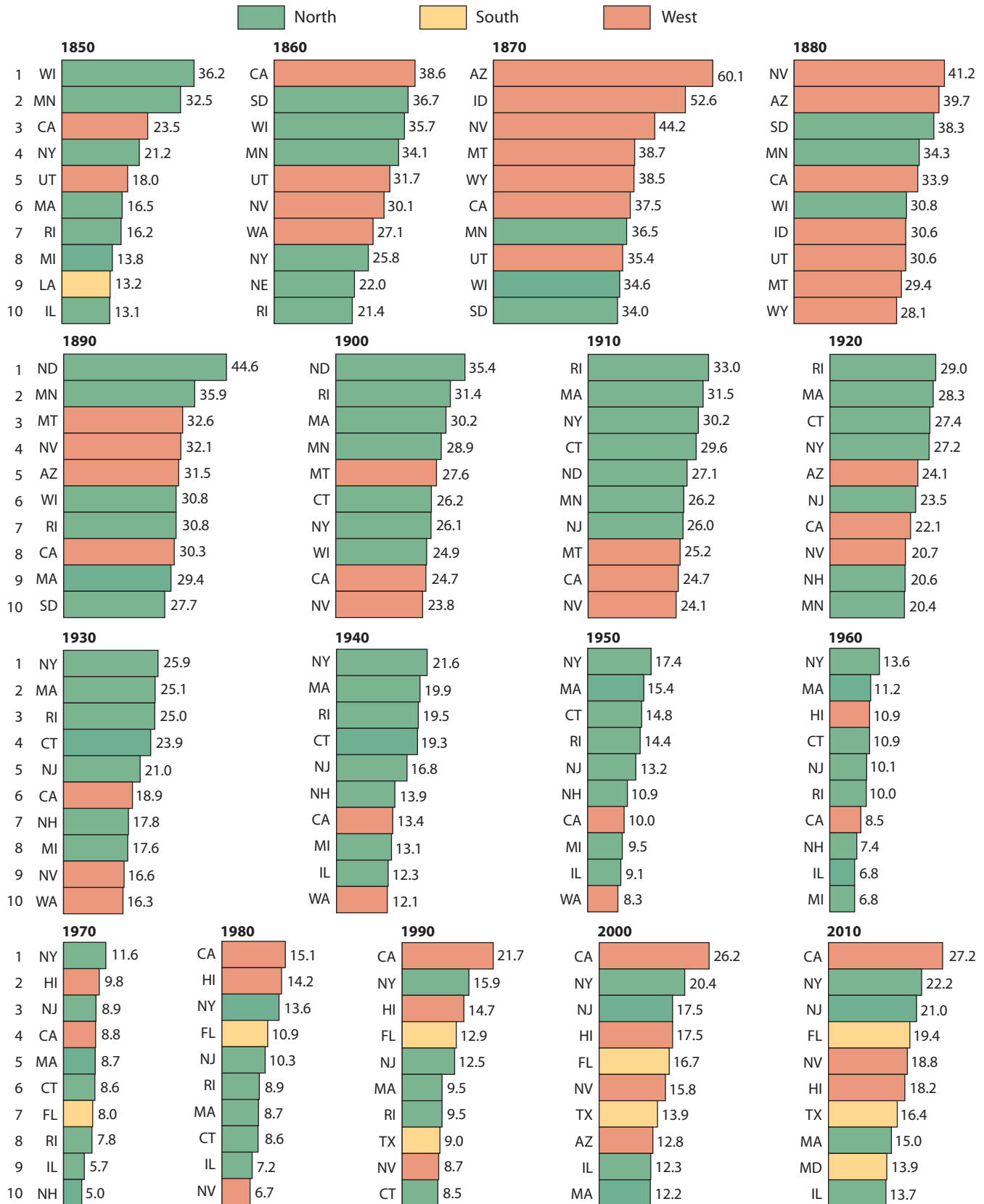
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Figure 12-3.

Ten States with the Highest Percentage of Population Foreign Born for the United States: 1850 to 2010

(Data for 1850 and 1860 assume that the entire slave population was born in the United States)



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Figure 12-4.

Percent Foreign Born in the Population of the Ten Largest Cities in the United States: 1850 to 2010

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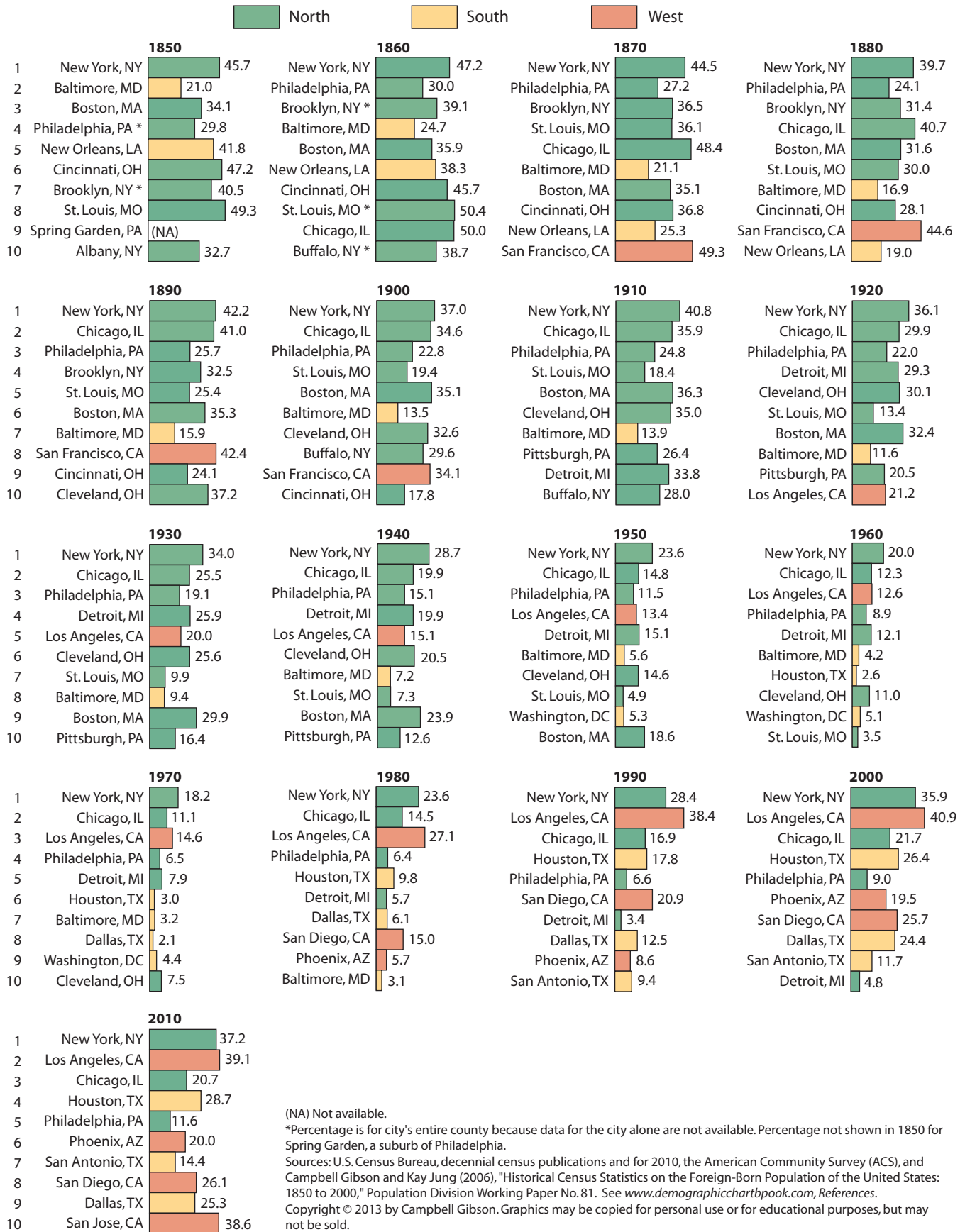
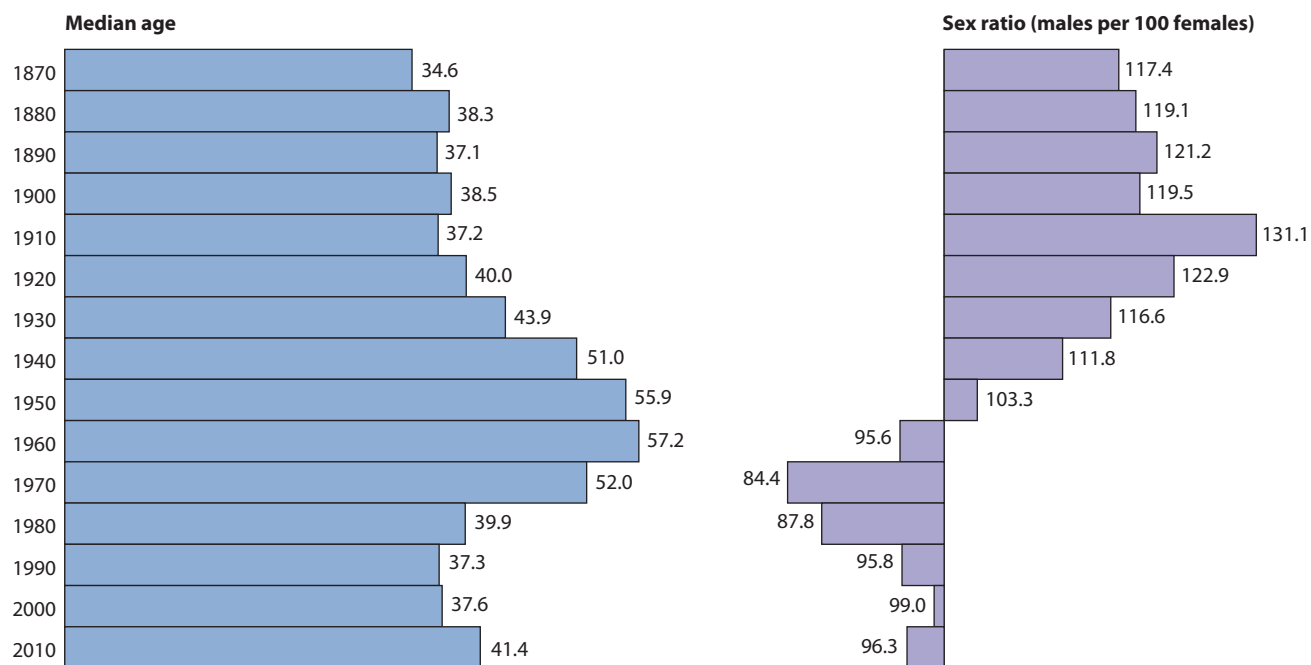
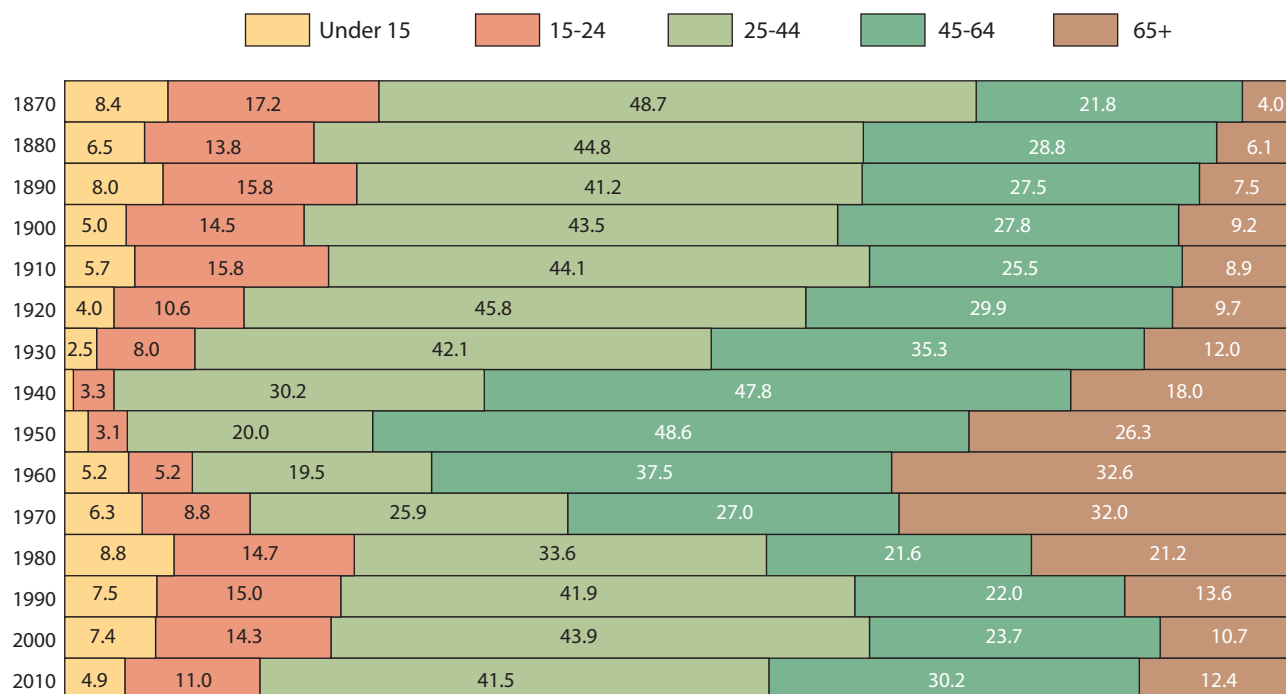


Figure 12-5.

Age and Sex Structure of the Foreign-Born Population for the United States: 1870 to 2010



Percent distribution by broad age group



Percentages not shown on figure:

Under 15

1940	0.7
1950	1.9

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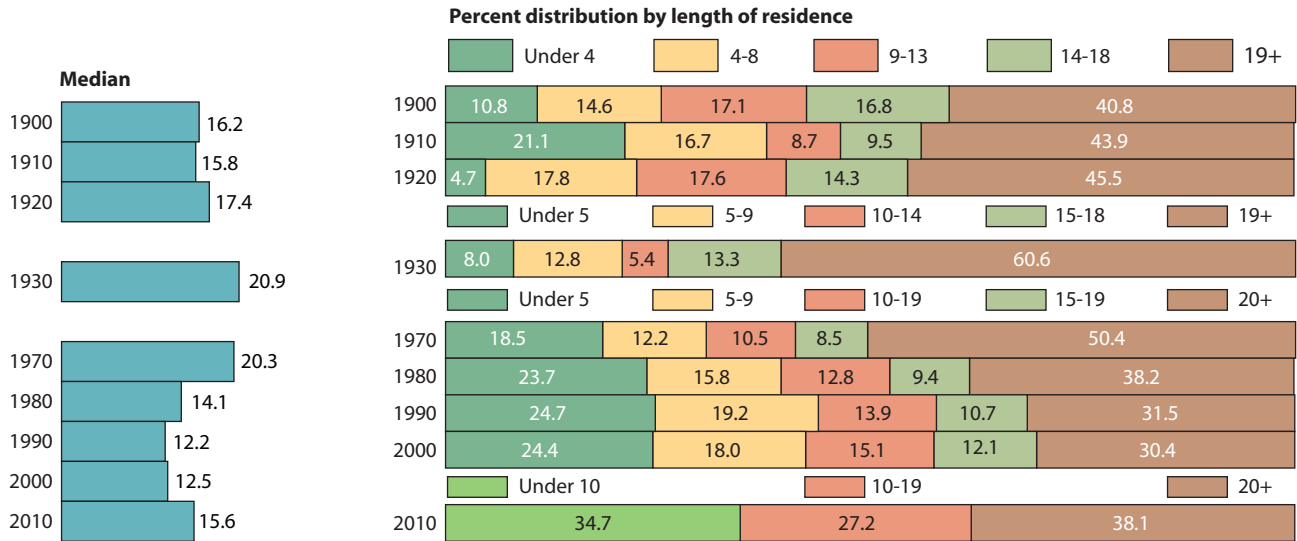
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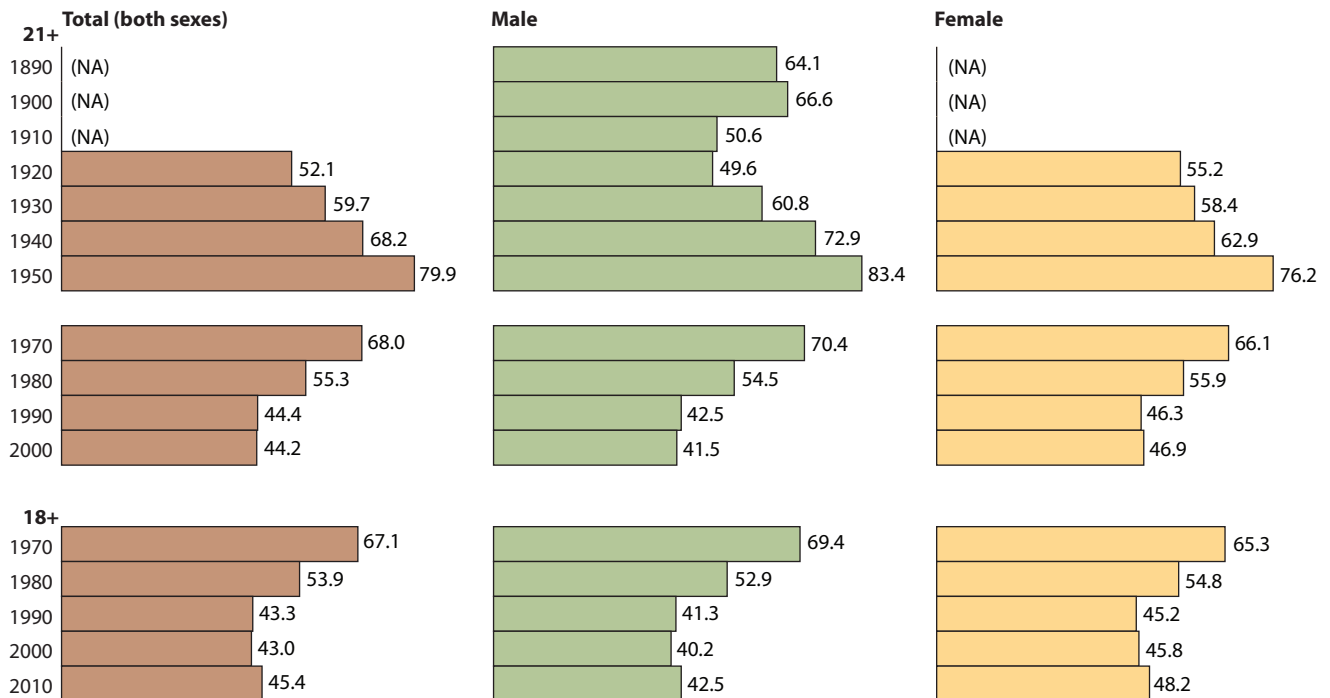
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Length of Residence and Citizenship Status of the Foreign-Born Population for the United States: 1890 to 2010

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES (years)



CITIZENSHIP STATUS BY AGE (percent naturalized citizens)



(NA) Not available.

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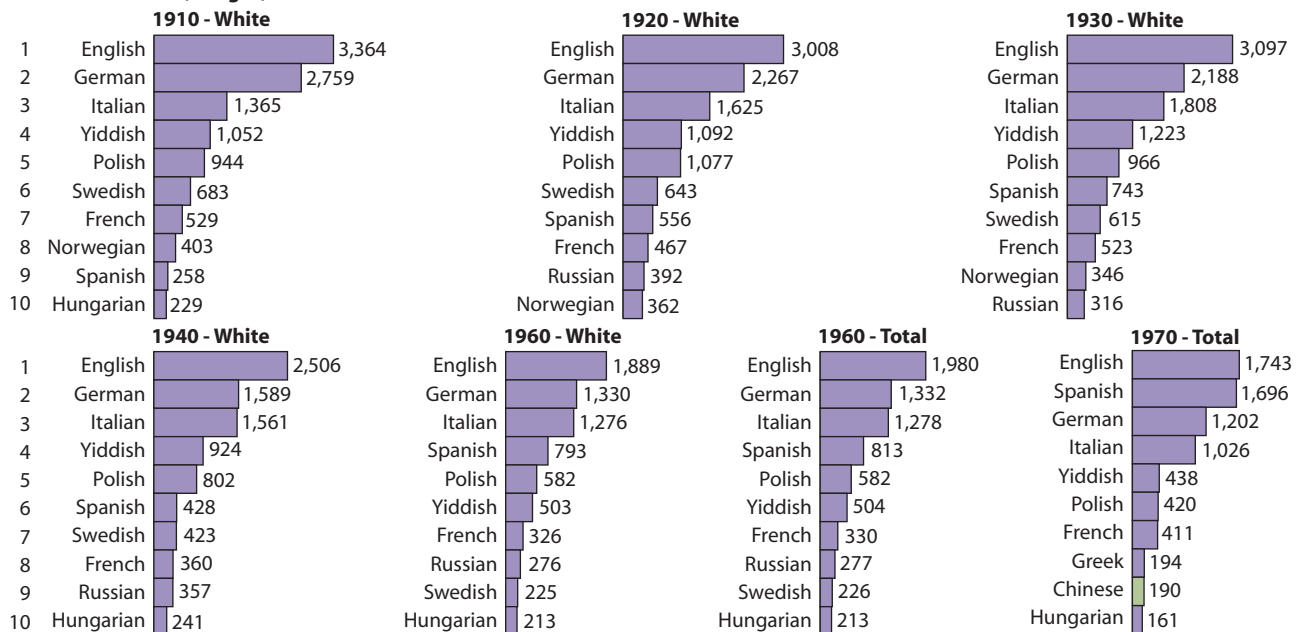
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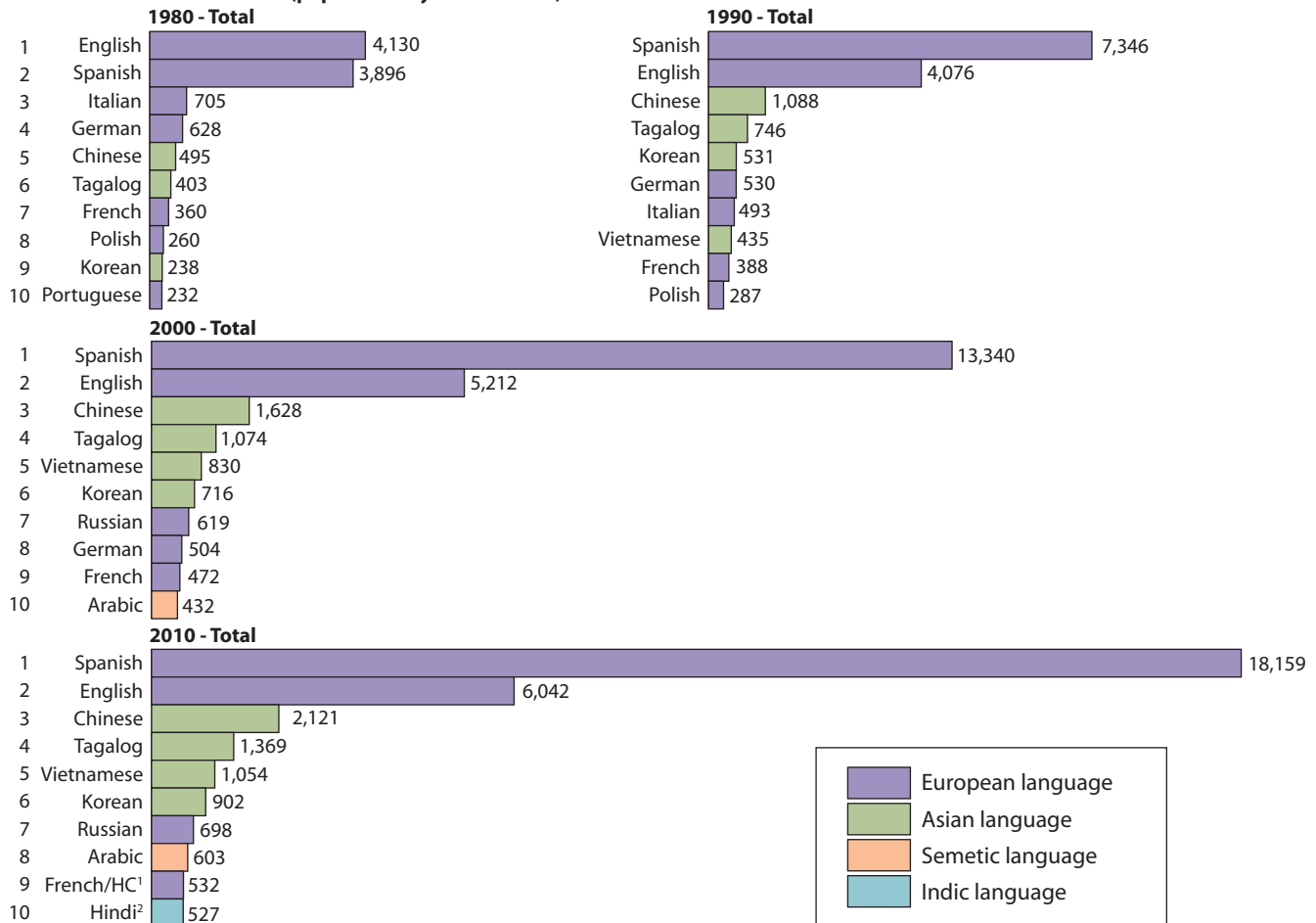
Ten Leading Languages for the Foreign-Born Population of the United States: 1910 to 2010

(Data on mother tongue available for the White population only, 1910 to 1940)

MOTHER TONGUE (all ages)



LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME (population 5 years and over)



¹ French/Haitian Creole. ² For Hindi including Urdu, the total is 820,000.

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