

# Immigration: Making Sense of the Numbers

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1. Circle any year(s) where you notice an abrupt and sustained change in the numbers of immigrants coming to America.
2. Write down three possible explanations for these sudden changes.
3. Discuss your findings and possible explanations.
4. After learning from your teacher the actual causes for the sudden changes in the numbers, what does this information tell us about immigrants? the immigration process?
5. What do the numbers on this sheet *not* tell us about immigration?

## Annual Immigration to the United States, 1820-2005

Date	# of Immigrants	1867	315,722	1915	326,700	1963	306,260
1820	8,385	1868	138,840	1916	298,826	1964	292,248
1821	9,127	1869	352,768	1917	295,403	1965	296,697
1822	6,911	1870	387,203	1918	110,618	1966	323,040
1823	6,354	1871	321,350	1919	141,132	1967	361,972
1824	7,912	1872	404,806	1920	430,001	1968	454,448
1825	10,199	1873	459,803	1921	805,228	1969	358,579
1826	10,837	1874	313,339	1922	309,556	1970	373,326
1827	18,875	1875	227,498	1923	522,919	1971	370,478
1828	27,382	1876	169,986	1924	706,896	1972	384,685
1829	22,520	1877	141,857	1925	294,314	1973	398,515
1830	23,322	1878	138,469	1926	304,488	1974	393,919
1831	22,633	1879	177,826	1927	335,175	1975	385,378
1832	60,482	1880	457,257	1928	307,255	1976	499,093
1833	58,640	1881	669,431	1929	279,678	1977	458,755
1834	65,365	1882	788,992	1930	241,700	1978	589,810
1835	45,374	1883	603,322	1931	97,139	1979	394,244
1836	76,242	1884	518,592	1932	35,576	1980	524,295
1837	79,340	1885	395,346	1933	23,068	1981	595,014
1838	38,914	1886	334,203	1934	29,470	1982	533,624
1839	68,069	1887	490,109	1935	34,956	1983	550,052
1840	84,066	1888	546,889	1936	36,329	1984	541,811
1841	80,289	1889	444,427	1937	50,244	1985	568,149
1842	104,565	1890	455,302	1938	67,895	1986	600,027
1843	52,496	1891	560,319	1939	82,998	1987	599,889
1844	78,615	1892	579,663	1940	70,756	1988	641,346
1845	114,371	1893	439,730	1941	51,776	1989	1,090,172
1846	154,416	1894	285,631	1942	28,781	1990	1,535,872
1847	234,968	1895	258,536	1943	23,725	1991	1,826,595
1848	226,527	1896	343,267	1944	28,551	1992	973,445
1849	297,024	1897	230,832	1945	38,119	1993	903,916
1850	369,980	1898	229,299	1946	108,721	1994	803,993
1851	379,466	1899	311,715	1947	147,292	1995	720,177
1852	371,603	1900	448,572	1948	170,570	1996	915,560
1853	368,645	1901	487,918	1949	188,317	1997	797,847
1854	427,833	1902	648,743	1950	249,187	1998	653,206
1855	200,877	1903	857,046	1951	205,717	1999	644,787
1856	200,436	1904	812,870	1952	265,520	2000	841,002
1857	251,306	1905	1,026,499	1953	170,434	2001	1,058,902
1858	123,126	1906	1,100,735	1954	208,177	2002	1,059,356
1859	121,282	1907	1,285,349	1955	237,790	2003	703,542
1860	153,640	1908	782,870	1956	321,625	2004	957,883
1861	91,918	1909	751,786	1957	326,867	2005	1,122,373
1862	91,985	1910	1,041,570	1958	253,265	2006	1,266,129
1863	176,282	1911	878,587	1959	260,686	2007	1,052,415
1864	193,418	1912	838,172	1960	265,398		
1865	248,120	1913	1,197,892	1961	271,344		
1866	318,568	1914	1,218,480	1962	283,763		