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U.S. Immigration Data

Year	Tally ¹	Facts
1820	8, 385	U.S. Steerage Act
1830	23,322	70% immigrants German, Irish, English
1840	84,066	Ireland Great Famine (1845-48)
1850	310,004	1848 Revolutionary stint in Europe
1860	153,640	Civil War (1861-1865)
1870	387,203	English agronomy collapse
1880	457,257	1 st U.S. census to list birthplace of parents
1882	788,992	Chinese Exclusion Act
1890	455,302	U.S. "frontier" declared "closed"
1900	448,572	1892 Ellis Island opens
1905	1,026,499	Brief Russ. Rev. Battleship <i>Potemkin</i>
1906	1,100,825	Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization est.
1907	1,285,349	Record high
1910	1,041,570	WWI (1914-1948)
1920	430,001	1924 quota laws
1930	241,700	Great Depression slump
1932	35, 576	108,295 embark from U.S.
1933	23, 068	80,081 embark from U.S.
1940	70,756	World War II
1950	249,187	1957 Ellis Island closes permanently
1960	265,398	1965 Immigration & Nationality Act
1970	373,326	Latin America and Asian increase
1980	530, 639	Pres. Carter signs Refugee Act
1989	1,090,924	Record numbers since 1907
1990	1,536,483	L.A. Intl. Airport = Ellis Island
2016	1,183,505	Trump elected; Executive Order 13769 "Muslim ban"
2019	1,031,765	Pre-Covid

¹ Number of persons obtaining "lawful permanent residence." *2016 Yearbook of Immigration Statistics*. Dept. of Homeland Security.