

## **Recent European Immigration to the United States**

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Although immigration from Latin American and Asia constitute the major portion of current immigration to the United States, European immigration is still substantial with over 900,000 people entering between 2000 and 2006. Expansion of the American Community Survey in 2005 and 2006 permits the annual measurement of the number of immigrants and their social and economic characteristics in a way never before possible with U.S. data. The character and level of European migration to the U. S. has changed substantially with much higher levels of education and income than other immigrants. While 44 percent of the total foreign-born population has education levels beyond high school, 51 percent of immigrants form Southern and Eastern Europe and 65 percent of those from Northern and Western Europe had education levels above the high school level. The mix of origins has also changed with almost two-thirds of European immigrants coming from Southern and Eastern Europe.