Language Access in Context: Immigration Law, Civil Rights, and Demography

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Language in Context

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1875 to 1920s
1920s to 1960s
1960s
   Civil Rights Act of 1964
   Immigration Amendments of 1965
Post-1960s
   Demographic trends
      Immigrants
      Language proficiency
   Immigration status
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Figure 1. Annual LPR Admissions and Status Adjustments, 1900-2010

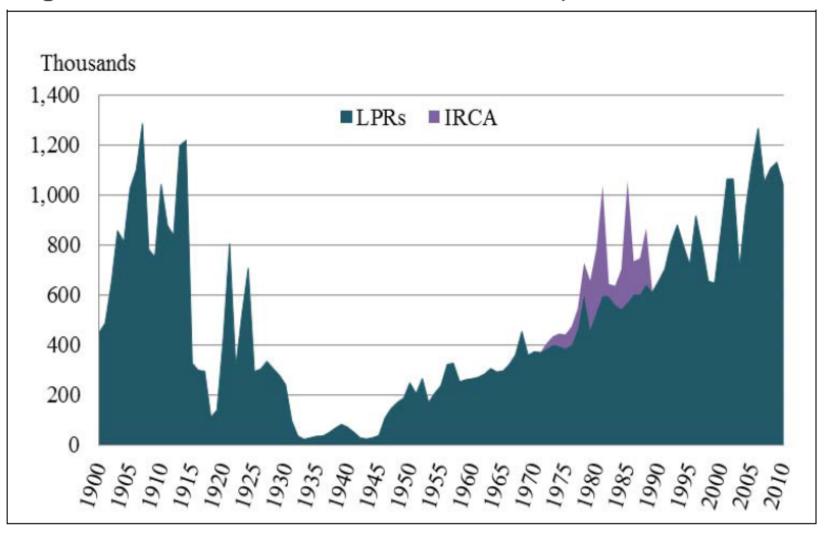
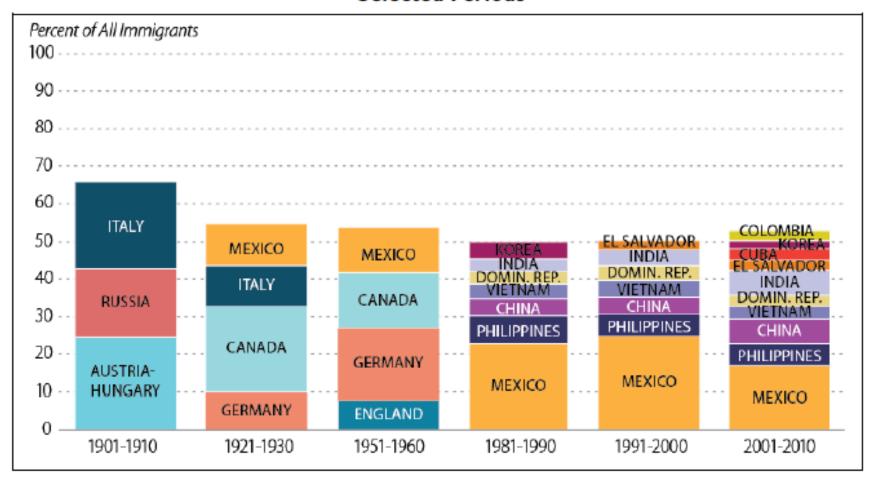


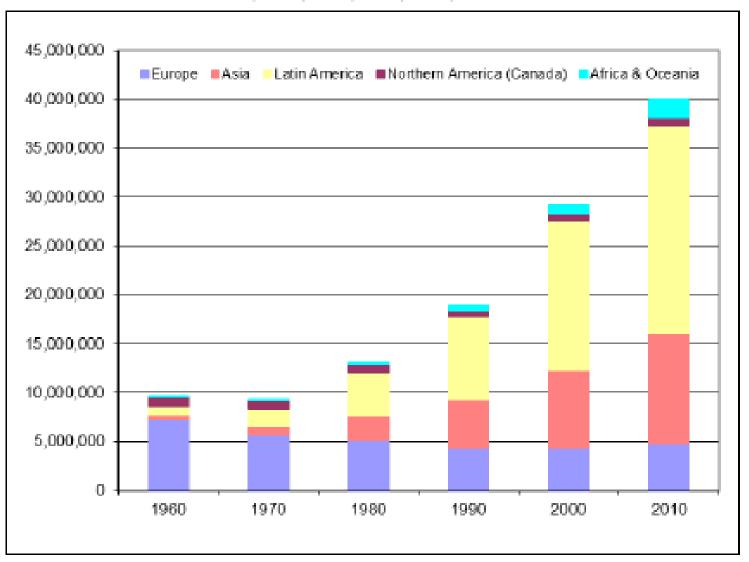
Figure 2.Top Sending Countries (Comprising at Least Half of All LPRs):
Selected Periods



Source: CRS analysis of Table 2, Statistical Yearbook of Immigration, U.S. Department of Homeland Security,

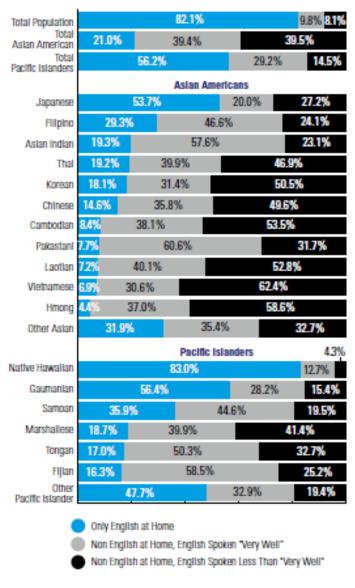
Figure 3. Foreign-Born Residents by Region of Origin:

1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000, and 2010



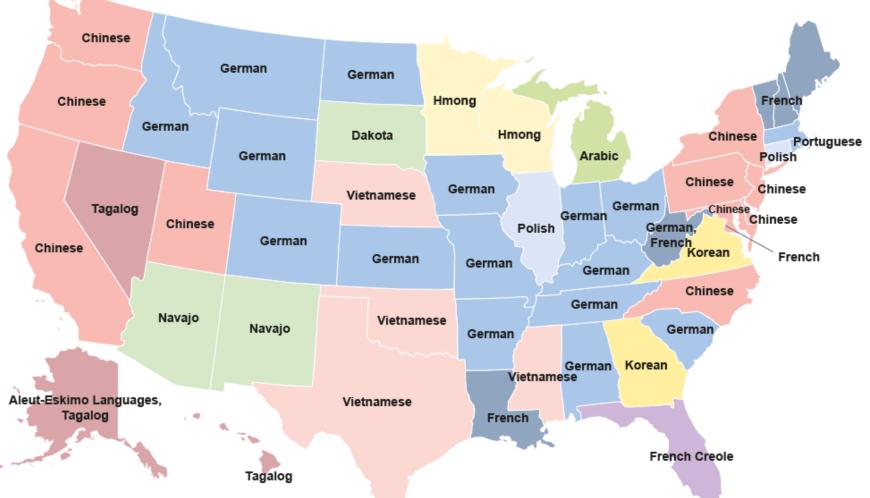
Source: U.S. Census Bureau data: decennial census 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, and 2000, and the American

Figure 9: Language Spoken at Home and English Ability Among AAPIs, 2000



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1, 2000.

Language Most Commonly Spoken at Home, Other Than English or Spanish





Source: 2012 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



Largest Limited-English Population* Other than Spanish

