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## Quick Facts- Immigration in Denver

- Immigrants to Denver during the 19<sup>th</sup> century were from primarily from China, Germany, Ireland, England, Sweden, Scotland, and Italy.
- Chinese immigrants began arriving in Colorado in the 1860's to work on the railroad and by the 1890's the population grew to 1000.<sup>1</sup>
- Between 1877 and 1889, Colorado printed its laws in German, English, & Spanish.<sup>2</sup>
- By the 1920's Denver's population was 256,491, 50,000 of whom were immigrants.
- During WWI Latino immigrants started arriving in Denver to work on farms because the European laborers were unable to enter the US because of the war.<sup>3</sup>
- Because of then Governor Ralph Carr, Japanese immigrants were welcomed to stay in Colorado after their release from internment camps, that brought them here in during WWII.<sup>1</sup>
- In 1965, amendments were made to the Immigration Act which allowed more immigrants from Taiwan, Hong Kong, Korea, and the Philippine Islands.<sup>4</sup>
- According to the 2006 census there were 37,547,789 of foreign born in the U.S. This represents 12.5% of the overall population the US.<sup>6</sup>
- According to the 2000 Census, Colorado saw a 28% increase of immigrants.<sup>5</sup>
- The top five foreign languages spoken in Denver are: Spanish, Vietnamese, French, German, & Russian.<sup>6</sup>
- Foreign-born workers make up 15% of the US labor workforce.<sup>6</sup>
- 40% of the PhD scientists working in the US are foreign born.<sup>6</sup>

The City & County of Denver has:

7,984	European
13,120	Asian
3,478	African
521	Oceania
70,370	Latin American
<u>1,721</u>	<u>North American</u>
Total: 97,194	Foreign born

According to 2006 American Community Survey



### Notable Denver Immigrants:

- ◇ Boettcher Theater was named after Charles Boettcher, a German immigrant and successful businessman.
- ◇ Coors Brewing Company was established by German immigrant, Adolf Kuhrs.<sup>2</sup>
- ◇ The Irishman John Mullen founded the city's largest flour mill. A high school was later named after him.<sup>2</sup>
- ◇ Mrs. Laiad Chittivej immigrated to Denver from Thailand where she opened the first Thai restaurant in the area and established the Thai Association of Colorado.<sup>4</sup>

### Denver Neighborhoods with 30% or greater foreign born.<sup>7</sup>

1.	<u>Jefferson Park</u>	<u>50.15%</u>
2.	<u>Cole</u>	<u>41.38%</u>
3.	<u>Elyria/Swansea</u>	<u>39.25%</u>
4.	<u>Globeville</u>	<u>37.53%</u>
5.	<u>Villa Park</u>	<u>35.52%</u>
6.	<u>Westwood</u>	<u>34.92%</u>
7.	<u>College View</u>	<u>34.10%</u>
8.	<u>Baker</u>	<u>33.24%</u>
9.	<u>Highland</u>	<u>32.97%</u>
10.	<u>Valverde</u>	<u>31.91%</u>
11.	<u>Clayton</u>	<u>30.53%</u>
12.	<u>Barnum</u>	<u>30.12%</u>



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