

## HANDOUT 2.1.2

### STATISTICS REVIEW

**Statistics Review**

How has immigration changed over time in the United States and Germany?

**The Challenge:**

Use statistics to get a “Big Picture” of how immigration into Germany and the United States has changed in recent times.

**The Ultimate Assignment:**

Draw Two “Big Pictures,” one that illustrates how immigration has changed over time in Germany, and one that captures the differences and similarities between immigration in the United States and Germany.

**The Steps along the Way:**

Look at different groups of statistics and answer Guided Questions to help you form your big pictures.

## Statistics Package 1: Coming to America, Coming to Germany

- In the century between 1820-1920, more than 33.7 million immigrants entered the United States
- In the same century between 1820-1920, approximately 5.5 million people of German background entered the United States.

Date	From Germany	All Countries
1820	968	8,385
1821 – 30	6,761	143,439
1831 – 40	152,454	599,125
1841 – 50	434,626	1,713,251
1851 – 60	951,667	2,598,214
1861 – 70	787,468	2,314,824
1871 – 80	718,182	2,812,191
1881 – 90	1,452,970	5,246,613
1891-1900	505,152	3,687,564
1901-1910	341,498	8,795,386
1911-1920	143,945	5,735,811
1921-1930	412,202	4,107,209
1931-1940	114,058	528,431
1941-1950	226,578	1,035,039
1951-1960	477,765	2,515,479
1961-1970	190,796	3,321,677
1971-1980	74,414	4,493,314
1981-1990	91,961	7,338,062
1991-1994	42,667	4,509,852

**Source:** 1998 Statistical Yearbook of the Immigration and Naturalization Service

<http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/statistics/yearbook/1998/1998yb.pdf>

### Immigration to Germany 1950-2010

Estimates of the net number of migrants, by five year intervals

Five Year Interval	Number of migrants
1950-1955	275,000
1955-1960	720,000
1960-1965	900,000
1965-1970	805,000
1970-1975	890,000
1975-1980	330,000
1980-1985	-110,000
1985-1990	1,955,000
1990-1995	2,690,000
1995-2000	1,135,000
2000-2005	1,000,000
2005-2010	750,000

**Source:** Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, World Population Prospects — The 2006 Revision and World Urbanization Prospects: The 2005 Revision in <http://www.migrationinformation.org/DataHub/countrydata/data.cfm>

**Foreign born as a percentage of the total population, 1990 and 1994 to 2005 (Out of 100%)**

Date	Germany	United States
1990	8.4	7.9
1994	8.6	9.0
1995	8.8	9.3
1996	8.9	9.3
1997	9.0	9.7
1998	8.9	9.8
1999	8.9	9.7
2000	8.9	10.9
2001	8.9	11.4
2002	8.9	11.5
2003	8.9	11.7
2004	8.8	11.9
2005	8.8	12.1

**Sources:**

Statistisches Bundesamt (Federal Statistical Office) <http://www.migrationinformation.org/GlobalData/countrydata/data.cfm>

Migration Information Source <http://www.mapsofworld.com/usa/immigration/immigration-statistics-usa.html>

**Guided Questions**

1. What is the most significant difference between German immigration/emigration between (1850-1950) and (1950-2010)?
2. How has German immigration become more like the United States immigration over time?
3. In what ways does it remain different?

## Statistics Package 2: Turkish Immigration into Germany, Mexican Immigration in the United States

- About 30 % of all immigrants into Germany are of Turkish descent, the largest national and cultural group entering the country.
- About 25 % of all immigrants into the USA are of Mexican descent, the largest national and cultural group entering the country.

### Germany: Acquisition of citizenship by country of former nationality, 1995-2006

Region/Sub-region/Country of Birth	Turkey	All countries (total)
1995	31,578	313,606
1996	46,294	302,830
1997	40,396	271,773
1998	56,994	283,604
1999	100,324	241,972
2000	82,861	186,688
2001	76,573	178,098
2002	64,631	154,547
2003	56,244	140,731
2004	44,465	127,153
2005	32,661	117,241
2006	33,388	124,566

Note 1: Germany made it easier to become naturalized German citizen in 2000.

Note 2: Notice, though, that the number of Turkish people being granted German citizenship did NOT go up in 2000. In fact, it has been dropping since 1998. Why do you think this might be happening?

### United States: Acquisition of citizenship by country of former nationality, 1995-2006

Region/Sub-region/Country of Birth	Mexico	All countries (total)
1995	79,614	488,088
1996	217,418	1,044,689
1997	134,494	598,225
1998	109,065	463,060
1999	193,709	839,944
2000	175,098	888,788
2001	102,736	606,259
2002	76,310	572,646
2003	55,946	462,435
2004	63,840	537,151
2005	77,089	604,280

Source: <http://www.migrationinformation.org/GlobalData/countrydata/data.cfm>

- Between 1995 and 2002, for every 10 new immigrants entering the United States of America, 8 people became new citizens of the United States. (Actual number 7.9)
- Between 1995 and 2002, for every 10 new immigrants entering Germany, between 3 and 4 people became new citizens of the country. (Actual number: 3.3)

**Muslims in Germany**

About 4 million Muslims currently live in Germany; almost all of them are immigrants or come from immigrant families. Around 45 % of the Muslim immigrants have the German citizenship.

Country or Region of Origin	In Percent
Turkey	63.2 %
Southeast Europe	13.6 %
Middle East	8.1 %
North Africa	6.9 %
South and Southeast Asia	4.6 %
Iran	1.7 %
Sub-Saharan Africa	1.5 %
Central Asia, CIS States	0.4 %

**Source:** <http://www.spiegel.de/international/germany/0,1518,715876,00.html>

**Guided Questions**

1. In your opinion, is the following statement fair: *"In the United States, the face of the newcomer looks Latino (possibly Mexican) and in Germany the face of the newcomer looks Turkish?"* Support your answer with an explanation.
2. Based on your study of immigration so far, why do you think a greater percentage of immigrants became naturalized citizens in the United States than in Germany?