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SUMMARY

California continues to attract international immigrants. In 1997 and 1998, a combined total of 371,207 people legally immigrated from foreign countries to California. During 1997 and 1998, California received 25 percent of all legal immigrants to the United States, even though the state comprised just 12 percent of the United States population. Legal immigrants arrived to California from 202 countries, but three countries accounted for over half of the state's legal immigrants: Mexico, the Philippines, and China. By world region, the primary origin of California's immigrants was Latin America and the Caribbean (44 percent), closely followed by Asia (43 percent). During 1997 and 1998, legal immigrants intended to live in 57 of the state's 58 counties. The top three counties of destination (Los Angeles County, Orange County, and Santa Clara County) received over one-half of the state's immigrants. More females than males were legal immigrants to California, 57 and 43 percent, respectively. Most adult immigrants were married: 62 percent of women, and 55 percent of men. Most legal immigrants entered California primarily as family-related admissions (76 percent) or employment-based admissions (11 percent).

DEFINING LEGAL IMMIGRANTS

Who is a legal immigrant to California? United States immigration law defines legal immigrants as “persons lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States” (INS 1999c: 3). The federal Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) employs a variety of terms for legal immigrants: aliens who were granted legal permanent residence, aliens admitted for legal permanent residence, immigrants admitted, and admissions. Once admitted to the United States as a legal permanent resident, an immigrant is automatically authorized to work and eventually receives an alien registration card (“green card”). Legal immigration is not the same as naturalization, the process of becoming a citizen of the United States.¹

Immigrants to the United States become legal immigrants by one of two administrative processes. Aliens living abroad can apply for a visa at the local consular office of the U.S. Department of State. With this visa, they may enter the United States and become a legal immigrant after passing through an official port of entry. A second process, called “adjustment of status,” is managed only by the INS and applies to aliens already living in the United States who apply to become legal permanent residents. These aliens may include undocumented immigrants, temporary workers, foreign students, or refugees.

Table 1 shows the major categories of admission for California during 1997 and 1998. For the 2 years combined, about 49 percent of immigrants to the state arrived as new arrivals from abroad (foreign countries) and were processed by the U.S. Department of State. The remaining 51 percent of cases were adjustments of status for people already in the country.

Table 1. Major Category of Admission for Legal Immigrants to California, 1997-1998

| Major Category of Admission (Responsible Agency) | 1997 Number | 1998 Number | 1997-1998 Total | 1997-1998 Percent |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| New Arrivals from Abroad (U.S. Department of State) | 93,089 | 89,216 | 182,305 | 49.1 |
| Adjustments of Status (INS) | 85,532 | 72,016 | 157,548 | 42.4 |
| Refugees or Asylees (INS) | 23,045 | 8,309 | 31,354 | 8.4 |
| TOTAL | 201,666 | 169,541 | 371,207 | 100.0 |

Readers of this report should take care not to interpret statistics about recent legal immigrants as meaning “new arrivals” since more than one-half of immigrants were already in the United States at the time they became legal immigrants. Table 2 lists the year of entry for immigrants adjusting to permanent legal status during 1997 and 1998 and intending to live in California. About 57 percent of immigrants adjusting to legal status entered the United States in the 1990s, about 21 percent during the 1980s, and less than 1 percent at some time before 1979.

¹ For an analysis of naturalization in California, see Johnson et al., 1999, *Taking the Oath: An Analysis of Naturalization in California and the United States*, Public Policy Institute of California.

Table 2. Year of Entry to the United States by Major Category of Admission,* Legal Immigrants to California, 1997-1998

| Year of Entry | 1997 Adjustment of Status | 1997 Refugee or Asylee | 1998 Adjustment of Status | 1998 Refugee or Asylee | 1997-1998 Categories Total | 1997-1998 Categories Percent |
|----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Before 1960 | 28 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 41 | 0.0 |
| 1960-1969 | 98 | 3 | 46 | 1 | 148 | 0.1 |
| 1970-1979 | 620 | 33 | 296 | 1 | 950 | 0.5 |
| 1980-1989 | 28,480 | 574 | 11,246 | 70 | 40,370 | 21.4 |
| 1990 | 6,618 | 246 | 2,776 | 19 | 9,659 | 5.1 |
| 1991 | 6,035 | 353 | 2,401 | 54 | 8,843 | 4.7 |
| 1992 | 5,327 | 496 | 2,230 | 40 | 8,093 | 4.3 |
| 1993 | 4,840 | 720 | 2,078 | 191 | 7,829 | 4.1 |
| 1994 | 5,917 | 4,477 | 2,518 | 581 | 13,493 | 7.1 |
| 1995 | 9,545 | 11,824 | 3,285 | 486 | 25,140 | 13.3 |
| 1996 | 11,649 | 4,272 | 5,171 | 1,612 | 22,704 | 12.0 |
| 1997 | 4,100 | 0 | 7,495 | 114 | 11,709 | 6.2 |
| Unknown | 2,275 | 47 | 32,461 | 5,140 | 39,923 | 21.1 |
| TOTAL | 85,532 | 23,045 | 72,016 | 8,309 | 188,902 | 100.0 |

*Note: This table includes only admission categories managed by the INS. The excluded category is "New Arrivals from Abroad" managed by the U.S. Department of State.

In addition to the time lag between year of entry and adjustment of status, INS legal immigration data may not reflect recent numbers of immigrants to California because of time lag in the legal immigration approval process. In 1998, the INS maintained a national backlog of 811,000 adjustments pending approval (INS 1999c: 2-3). Assuming that 25 percent of applicants for adjustment of status in the United States live or intend to live in California, approximately 203,000 people may already be living in the state while waiting for the INS to finalize their adjustment to status as a legal permanent resident.²

To summarize, a legal immigrant is a person who has become a legal permanent resident of the United States, and was admitted by the U.S. Department of State or the INS. However, a legal immigrant may have entered the United States (or California) long before becoming a legal immigrant. Numbers and rates for legal immigration to California reflect the year in which the INS approved legalization paperwork, not necessarily the actual arrival of persons to the state.

² During the 1980s and 1990s, California received between 22 and 29 percent of each year's total legal immigrant flow to the United States. For trends in legal immigration to California as a percent of United States totals, see reports for Federal Fiscal Years 1984-1994 (DOF 1997b: 1) and Federal Fiscal Year 1996 (DOF 1999: 3).

ORIGINS

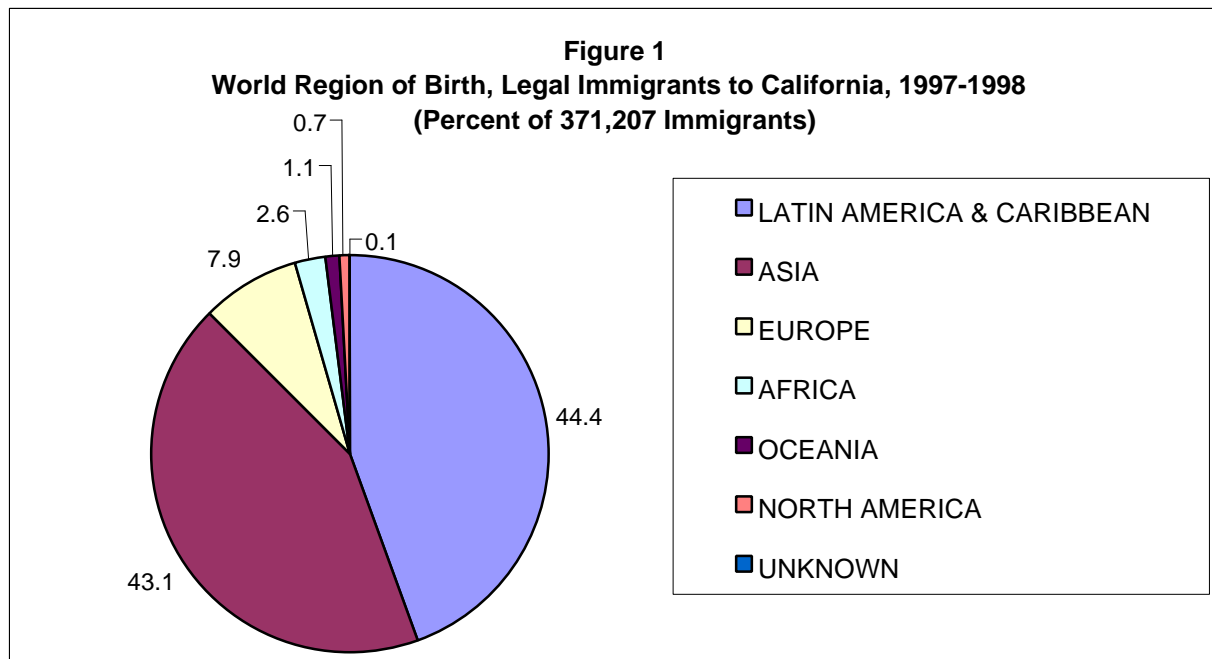
What are the national origins of legal immigrants to California? During 1997 and 1998, immigrants from 202 countries became legal permanent residents of the state.

World Region of Birth

For the two-year period, 1997 through 1998, Latin America and the Caribbean contributed the largest number of immigrants (44 percent) closely followed by Asia (43 percent). However, during 1997, Asia contributed the largest number of immigrants (44 percent) followed by Latin America and the Caribbean (43 percent). The next largest group of immigrants arrived from Europe (8 percent) followed by Africa (3 percent) and Oceania (1 percent). Less than 1 percent originated in North America (Canada, United States, or Atlantic islands).

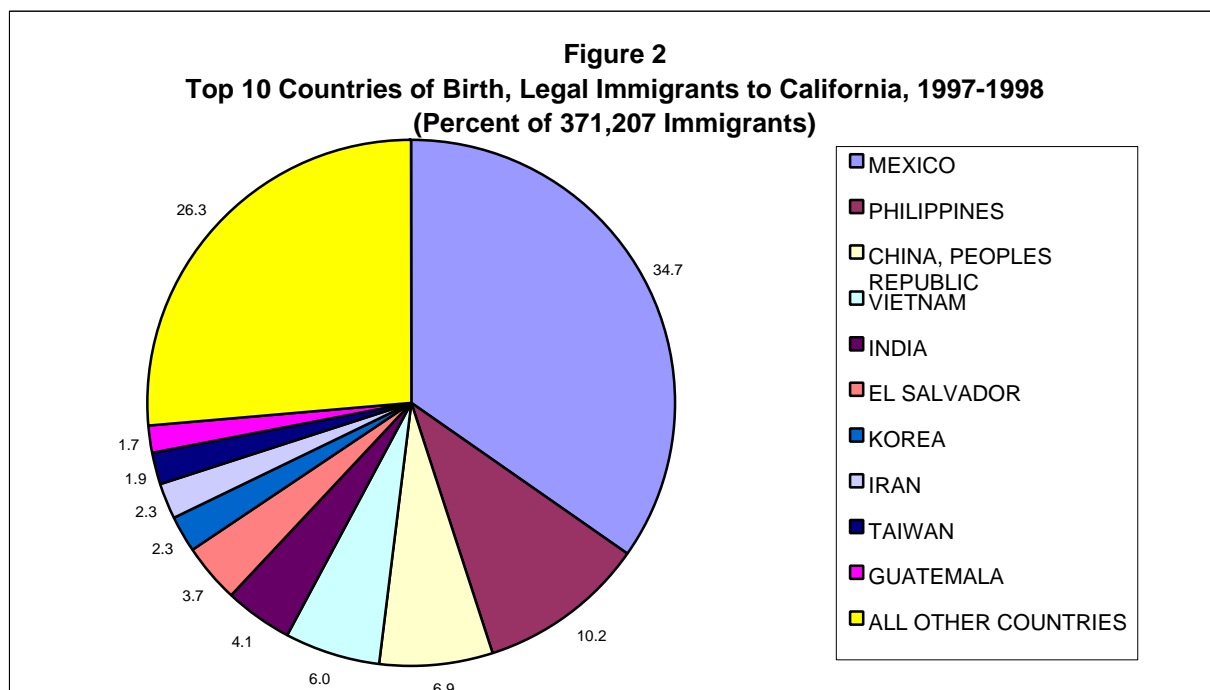
Table 3. World Region of Birth for Legal Immigrants to California, 1997-1998

| World Region of Birth | 1997 Number | 1998 Number | 1997-1998 Total | 1997 Percent | 1998 Percent | 1997-1998 Percent |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN | 86,150 | 78,590 | 164,740 | 42.72 | 46.35 | 44.38 |
| ASIA | 89,298 | 70,792 | 160,090 | 44.28 | 41.76 | 43.13 |
| EUROPE | 17,286 | 12,208 | 29,494 | 8.57 | 7.20 | 7.95 |
| AFRICA | 5,438 | 4,352 | 9,790 | 2.70 | 2.57 | 2.64 |
| OCEANIA | 2,134 | 1,964 | 4,098 | 1.06 | 1.16 | 1.10 |
| NORTH AMERICA | 1,346 | 1,405 | 2,751 | 0.67 | 0.83 | 0.74 |
| UNKNOWN | 14 | 230 | 244 | 0.01 | 0.14 | 0.07 |
| TOTAL | 201,666 | 169,541 | 371,207 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |



Country of Birth

When listed by country of birth, legal immigrants' origins in Latin America and the Caribbean as well as Asia are immediately visible. Mexico leads among all countries, contributing more than a third (34.7 percent) of all legal immigrants to the state. The top 3 countries of birth are Mexico, the Philippines, and China—together, these 3 countries contribute over one-half (52 percent) of the state's legal immigrants. The top 10 countries of birth account for almost three-fourths (73.7 percent) of legal immigrants to California: Mexico, the Philippines, China, Vietnam, India, El Salvador, Korea, Iran, Taiwan, and Guatemala. The remaining 26.3 percent of immigrants come from 192 countries.



Together, the top 20 countries of birth account for 83 percent of legal immigrants to California (Table 4). In the top 20 list, 3 European countries emerge as important senders of immigrants: the Ukraine (Rank 12), Russia (Rank 13), and the United Kingdom (Rank 14). Canada is also found in the top 20 (Rank 18), contributing less than 1 percent of the state's immigrants.

Immigrants from many countries prefer California as a destination. When compared with data for immigration to the United States nationally, the top 20 countries of birth show a focused flow of immigrants for particular countries (Table 4). Perhaps most striking is Fiji, which sends 83 percent of its United States-bound immigrants to California. California also receives a high percentage of the United States' immigrants from Taiwan (52 percent), Iran (48 percent), Mexico (46 percent), Hong Kong (46 percent), the Philippines (46 percent), Thailand (43 percent), El

Salvador (42 percent), and Vietnam (40 percent). Another way to understand the importance of California as a destination is to compare the list of top 20 countries of birth for the United States immigrants against California's top 20 countries of birth. Countries of birth in the California top 20, but not in the United States top 20, are Taiwan, Guatemala, Hong Kong, the Ukraine, Japan, Fiji, and Thailand.

Table 4. Top 20 Countries of Birth for Legal Immigrants to California as a Percent of California and United States Legal Immigrants, 1997-1998

| Rank | Country | 1997-1998 Number Immigrants to CA | 1997-1998 Percent of Immigrants to CA | 1997-1998 Total Immigrants to US* | 1997-1998 California as Percent of US Total | Note |
|------|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|------|
| 1 | MEXICO | 128,721 | 34.7 | 278,440 | 46.2 | |
| 2 | PHILIPPINES | 38,009 | 10.2 | 83,583 | 45.5 | |
| 3 | CHINA, PEOPLES' REPUBLIC | 25,640 | 6.9 | 78,031 | 32.9 | |
| 4 | VIETNAM | 22,216 | 6.0 | 56,168 | 39.6 | |
| 5 | INDIA | 15,161 | 4.1 | 74,553 | 20.3 | |
| 6 | EL SALVADOR | 13,621 | 3.7 | 32,559 | 41.8 | |
| 7 | KOREA *** | 8,480 | 2.3 | 28,507 | 29.7 | |
| 8 | IRAN | 8,412 | 2.3 | 17,525 | 48.0 | |
| 9 | TAIWAN | 7,097 | 1.9 | 13,842 | 51.3 | ** |
| 10 | GUATEMALA | 6,351 | 1.7 | 28,161 | 22.6 | ** |
| 11 | HONG KONG (SAR) | 4,998 | 1.3 | 10,852 | 46.1 | ** |
| 12 | UKRAINE | 4,495 | 1.2 | 23,144 | 19.4 | ** |
| 13 | RUSSIA | 4,218 | 1.1 | 28,161 | 15.0 | |
| 14 | UNITED KINGDOM | 4,212 | 1.1 | 19,726 | 21.4 | |
| 15 | PAKISTAN | 3,449 | 0.9 | 26,061 | 13.2 | |
| 16 | PERU | 3,340 | 0.9 | 21,007 | 15.9 | |
| 17 | JAPAN | 3,185 | 0.9 | 10,235 | 31.1 | ** |
| 18 | CANADA | 2,733 | 0.7 | 21,799 | 12.5 | |
| 19 | FIJI | 2,716 | 0.7 | 3,266 | 83.2 | ** |
| 20 | THAILAND | 2,678 | 0.7 | 6,196 | 43.2 | ** |
| | Top Twenty Subtotal | 309,732 | 83.4 | 861,816 | NA | |
| | All Other Countries | 61,475 | 16.6 | 597,039 | NA | |
| | TOTAL | 371,207 | 100.0 | 1,458,855 | 25.4 | |

Notes:

* Source for United States data: *1998 Statistical Yearbook of the INS* (INS 2000, Table 3).

** Not in top 20 countries of birth for legal immigrants to the United States in 1998.

*** INS data codes do not distinguish between North Korea and South Korea.

During 1997 and 1998, California received 25 percent of all legal immigrants to the United States, even though the state comprised just 12 percent of the United States population.³ For more detailed information about world region of birth and country of birth for immigrants to California, see Appendix 2, Appendix 3A (1997) and Appendix 3B (1998).

Where do legal immigrants of California first enter the United States? Table 5 lists official ports of entry into the United States. Most legal immigrants of California enter through California ports of entry (69 percent). Los Angeles leads as the primary port of entry (32 percent) followed by San Francisco (18 percent). Together, Los Angeles and San Francisco are the port of entry for just over one-half of legal immigrants to the state. Outside of California, El Paso, Texas is the most important port of entry, receiving almost 9 percent of immigrants to California (even more than San Diego's 3 percent, despite its proximity to the border of Mexico). New York City is the port of entry for almost 1 percent of California's legal immigrants.

Table 5. Port of Entry for Legal Immigrants to California, 1997-1998

| | Number | Percent |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Port of Entry in California | | |
| Los Angeles | 120,458 | 32.45 |
| San Francisco | 68,119 | 18.35 |
| Service Center-West | 43,479 | 11.71 |
| San Diego | 10,016 | 2.70 |
| Sacramento | 6,973 | 1.88 |
| San Jose | 6,828 | 1.84 |
| Calexico | 687 | 0.19 |
| Fresno | 17 | 0.00 |
| San Ysidro | 10 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal | 256,587 | 69.12 |
| Port of Entry Outside of California | | |
| Receiving 1,000 or More Immigrants | | |
| El Paso, TX | 32,418 | 8.73 |
| New York, NY | 3,607 | 0.97 |
| Miami, FL | 1,660 | 0.45 |
| Chicago, IL | 1,010 | 0.27 |
| Subtotal | 38,695 | 10.42 |
| Unknown Port of Entry | 70,662 | 19.04 |
| Other U.S. Ports of Entry | 5,263 | 1.42 |
| TOTAL | 371,207 | 100.00 |

³ California as percent of United States population, based on following estimates: California, July 1, 1998 (33,494,000) / U.S., July 1, 1998 (270,299,000) x 100 = 12.4 percent. Sources: California, DOF 2000, Report E-2; United States, www.census.gov/population/www/estimates/nation1.html on August 28, 2000.

DESTINATIONS

Where do legal immigrants intend to live in California? The INS reports the ZIP code for the place of intended residence of each immigrant. Using this information, it is possible to determine legal immigrant flows to counties in California.

Counties of Intended Residence

As shown in Table 6, Los Angeles County is reported as the destination for the largest number of immigrants, receiving one-third (32.9 percent) of the flow during 1997 and 1998. Los Angeles County was the destination for 121,970 legal immigrants, receiving more than three times the size of flow to second ranked Orange County (36,745 immigrants). The top 3 counties of destination—Los Angeles, Orange, and Santa Clara—were the intended destination for more than half (50.8 percent) of legal immigrants. The top 8 counties on the list account for almost three-fourths (73.9 percent) of immigrant destination counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Santa Clara, San Diego, Alameda, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Sacramento. Though there are 58 counties in California, the top 20 counties received 93 percent of legal immigrants.

Table 6. Top 20 Counties of Intended Residence by Number of Legal Immigrants, California, 1997-1998

| Rank | County | 1997 Number Immigrants | 1998 Number Immigrants | 1997-1998 Total Immigrants | 1997-1998 Percent of CA Immigrants | 1997-1998 Cumulative Percent |
|------|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Los Angeles | 62,073 | 59,897 | 121,970 | 32.9 | 32.9 |
| 2 | Orange | 21,367 | 15,378 | 36,745 | 9.9 | 42.8 |
| 3 | Santa Clara | 17,314 | 12,640 | 29,954 | 8.1 | 50.8 |
| 4 | San Diego | 14,598 | 9,800 | 24,398 | 6.6 | 57.4 |
| 5 | Alameda | 11,206 | 9,512 | 20,718 | 5.6 | 63.0 |
| 6 | San Francisco | 9,796 | 8,399 | 18,195 | 4.9 | 67.9 |
| 7 | San Mateo | 6,189 | 5,410 | 11,599 | 3.1 | 71.0 |
| 8 | Sacramento | 7,191 | 3,695 | 10,886 | 2.9 | 73.9 |
| 9 | San Bernardino | 4,761 | 4,949 | 9,710 | 2.6 | 76.6 |
| 10 | Riverside | 4,245 | 4,597 | 8,842 | 2.4 | 78.9 |
| 11 | Fresno | 4,638 | 4,119 | 8,757 | 2.4 | 81.3 |
| 12 | Contra Costa | 4,538 | 3,979 | 8,517 | 2.3 | 83.6 |
| 13 | Ventura | 3,241 | 3,113 | 6,354 | 1.7 | 85.3 |
| 14 | Monterey | 2,729 | 2,116 | 4,845 | 1.3 | 86.6 |
| 15 | Kern | 2,722 | 1,986 | 4,708 | 1.3 | 87.9 |
| 16 | San Joaquin | 2,735 | 1,890 | 4,625 | 1.2 | 89.1 |
| 17 | Stanislaus | 2,329 | 2,020 | 4,349 | 1.2 | 90.3 |
| 18 | Tulare | 2,396 | 1,649 | 4,045 | 1.1 | 91.4 |
| 19 | Santa Barbara | 1,656 | 1,778 | 3,434 | 0.9 | 92.3 |
| 20 | Solano | 1,635 | 1,440 | 3,075 | 0.8 | 93.1 |
| | All Other Counties | 13,681 | 10,964 | 24,645 | 6.6 | 99.8 |
| | Unknown | 626 | 210 | 836 | 0.2 | 100.0 |
| | California | 201,666 | 169,541 | 371,207 | 100.0 | |

Appendix 4A and Appendix 4B detail the number of legal immigrants and rates of legal immigration for all 58 counties in California for 1997 and 1998 separately.

As shown in the map for numbers of legal immigrants to California counties during 1997 and 1998, immigrants intended to live in primarily urban areas of California (Map 1). Most notable are the southern California counties, Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego, followed by San Bernardino, Riverside, and Ventura. In northern California the counties receiving the largest numbers of immigrants are Santa Clara, Alameda, San Francisco, San Mateo, Sacramento, and Contra Costa. Counties in the San Joaquin Valley received more moderate numbers of legal immigrants, with the exception of Fresno County, which received more immigrants than some northern counties (e.g., Contra Costa) and southern counties (e.g., Ventura). Counties along the north coast, Sacramento Valley, and Sierra Nevada received the least number of immigrants.

Rates of legal immigration to counties tell a different story—the rate of legal immigration adjusts the number of immigrants for the size of county population. Rates of legal immigration are described in Table 7, Map 2, and Map 3. Colusa County, only 37th in rank by number of immigrants received, is ranked first by rate of immigration during 1997 and 1998. Colusa receives a high percentage of legal immigrants from Mexico (93 percent). San Francisco ranks second, which may not be surprising given its urban and cosmopolitan character. However, Imperial, a more rural county, ranks third among counties. Santa Clara County ranks fourth by rate of immigration in 1997 and third by number of immigrants. Similarly, San Mateo ranks high among counties both by rate (Rank 5, 1997) and number of immigrants (Rank 7).

Rates of immigration can fluctuate through time and affect relative ranking among counties. Table 7 indicates movement of ranks of county legal immigration rates from 1997 to 1998. The top 3 counties by immigration rate did not change over the period: Colusa, San Francisco, and Imperial. The top 10 counties by immigration rate (Colusa, San Francisco, Imperial, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Yolo, Alameda, Orange, Monterey, and Tulare) maintained relatively similar rankings, changing by a single rank or not at all, except for Yolo, which ranked sixth in 1997 and dropped to 13th in 1998. The remaining top 20 counties show more movement in rank by immigration rate: the most striking example is Sacramento, which ranked 14th in 1997 and dropped to 28th in 1998.

Table 7. Top 20 Counties of Intended Residence by Rate of Legal Immigration, California, 1997-1998

| County | Legal Immigration Rate 1997 (per 1,000) | Legal Immigration Rate 1998 (per 1,000) | Rank by Rate 1997 | Rank by Rate 1998 | Rank Movement 1997 to 1998 | Rank by Number Immigrants |
|---------------|--|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Colusa | 14.3 | 11.4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 37 |
| San Francisco | 12.6 | 10.6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| Imperial | 11.7 | 9.0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 21 |
| Santa Clara | 10.4 | 7.4 | 4 | 5 | -1 | 3 |
| San Mateo | 8.7 | 7.5 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| Yolo | 8.4 | 5.1 | 6 | 13 | -7 | 25 |
| Alameda | 8.0 | 6.7 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| Orange | 7.9 | 5.6 | 8 | 9 | -1 | 2 |
| Monterey | 7.2 | 5.5 | 9 | 10 | -1 | 14 |
| Tulare | 6.7 | 4.6 | 10 | 18 | -8 | 18 |
| Merced | 6.7 | 5.0 | 11 | 14 | -3 | 24 |
| Los Angeles | 6.5 | 6.2 | 12 | 7 | 5 | 1 |
| Sutter | 6.3 | 6.1 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 29 |
| Sacramento | 6.3 | 3.1 | 14 | 28 | -14 | 8 |
| Glenn | 6.1 | 4.3 | 15 | 21 | -6 | 39 |
| Fresno | 6.0 | 5.3 | 16 | 11 | 5 | 11 |
| San Benito | 5.8 | 5.1 | 17 | 12 | 5 | 35 |
| Napa | 5.7 | 4.9 | 18 | 15 | 3 | 27 |
| Santa Cruz | 5.7 | 4.9 | 19 | 16 | 3 | 23 |
| Stanislaus | 5.5 | 4.7 | 20 | 17 | 3 | 17 |
| Contra Costa | 5.1 | 4.3 | 23 | 20 | 3 | 12 |
| Santa Barbara | 4.1 | 4.4 | 30 | 19 | 11 | 19 |

Who is immigrating to the top 10 counties of intended residence? Table 8 lists the top 10 counties of intended residence and the top 10 countries of birth for legal immigrants to those counties. The top 10 countries of birth for the state (Figure 2) are the most common countries visible in the top 10 counties. Mexico is the leading country of birth in 7 of the top 10 counties, accounting for a maximum of 67.9 percent of immigrants to Riverside County and a minimum of 17.7 percent in Sacramento County. In Santa Clara County, Vietnam is the leading country of birth (17.9 percent); in San Francisco County, China is first and represents almost a third of legal immigrants (31.7 percent); and in San Mateo County, the Philippines is the principal country of birth (21.2 percent).

Many counties receive special immigrant flows, not always conforming to the statewide pattern for the top 10 countries of birth. For example, San Diego County is a special destination for immigrants from Somalia, Iraq, Russia, and Japan. Alameda County receives immigrants from Fiji and Pakistan. San Francisco County is distinct: immigrants from the Ukraine, Russia, Nicaragua, and the United Kingdom are found in the top 10 countries of birth. San Mateo County varies from the state's top 10 countries of birth by receiving immigrants from Fiji, Nicaragua, and Peru. Sacramento County is a focus for immigrants from Fiji, Laos, and former Soviet Union countries (the Ukraine, Russia, Soviet Union). San Bernardino County differs from the state's top 10 as a destination for Pakistani immigrants. Riverside County differs by receiving immigrants from Canada, the United Kingdom, and Peru in its top 10 countries of birth.

Table 8. Top 10 Countries of Birth in Top 10 Counties of Legal Immigration, California, 1997-1998

| Rank | Number | Percent | Rank | Number | Percent | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------------------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|-------|
| Los Angeles County (Rank 1) | | | Orange County (Rank 2) | | | | |
| 1 | MEXICO | 36,226 | 29.7 | 1 | MEXICO | 12,576 | 34.2 |
| 2 | PHILIPPINES | 11,573 | 9.5 | 2 | VIETNAM | 7,668 | 20.9 |
| 3 | EL SALVADOR | 9,011 | 7.4 | 3 | PHILIPPINES | 2,102 | 5.7 |
| 4 | CHINA | 8,356 | 6.9 | 4 | KOREA | 1,448 | 3.9 |
| 5 | KOREA | 4,794 | 3.9 | 5 | INDIA | 1,302 | 3.5 |
| 6 | GUATEMALA | 4,326 | 3.5 | 6 | CHINA | 1,236 | 3.4 |
| 7 | IRAN | 4,268 | 3.5 | 7 | IRAN | 1,126 | 3.1 |
| 8 | VIETNAM | 3,545 | 2.9 | 8 | TAIWAN | 705 | 1.9 |
| 9 | TAIWAN | 3,099 | 2.5 | 9 | EL SALVADOR | 636 | 1.7 |
| 10 | INDIA | 2,549 | 2.1 | 10 | GUATEMALA | 417 | 1.1 |
| | OTHER COUNTRIES | 34,223 | 28.1 | | OTHER COUNTRIES | 7,529 | 20.5 |
| | TOTAL | 121,970 | 100.0 | | TOTAL | 36,745 | 100.0 |
| Santa Clara County (Rank 3) | | | San Diego County (Rank 4) | | | | |
| 1 | VIETNAM | 5,352 | 17.9 | 1 | MEXICO | 9,805 | 40.2 |
| 2 | MEXICO | 3,771 | 12.6 | 2 | PHILIPPINES | 4,634 | 19.0 |
| 3 | PHILIPPINES | 3,386 | 11.3 | 3 | VIETNAM | 1,196 | 4.9 |
| 4 | INDIA | 3,312 | 11.1 | 4 | CHINA | 1,031 | 4.2 |
| 5 | CHINA | 2,716 | 9.1 | 5 | SOMALIA | 794 | 3.3 |
| 6 | TAIWAN | 1,364 | 4.6 | 6 | IRAQ | 576 | 2.4 |
| 7 | IRAN | 861 | 2.9 | 7 | IRAN | 450 | 1.8 |
| 8 | UNITED KINGDOM | 672 | 2.2 | 8 | RUSSIA | 311 | 1.3 |
| 9 | KOREA | 580 | 1.9 | 9 | INDIA | 288 | 1.2 |
| 10 | HONG KONG | 502 | 1.7 | 10 | JAPAN | 285 | 1.2 |
| | OTHER COUNTRIES | 7,438 | 24.8 | | OTHER COUNTRIES | 5,028 | 20.6 |
| | TOTAL | 29,954 | 100.0 | | TOTAL | 24,398 | 100.0 |

Table 8. Top 10 Countries of Birth in Top 10 Counties of Legal Immigration, California, 1997-1998 (continued)

| Rank | Number | Percent | Rank | Number | Percent | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|--------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Alameda County (Rank 5) | | | San Francisco County (Rank 6) | | | | |
| 1 | MEXICO | 3,845 | 18.6 | 1 | CHINA | 5,772 | 31.7 |
| 2 | CHINA | 3,045 | 14.7 | 2 | PHILIPPINES | 2,060 | 11.3 |
| 3 | PHILIPPINES | 2,923 | 14.1 | 3 | MEXICO | 1,011 | 5.6 |
| 4 | INDIA | 1,987 | 9.6 | 4 | HONG KONG | 951 | 5.2 |
| 5 | VIETNAM | 1,167 | 5.6 | 5 | UKRAINE | 890 | 4.9 |
| 6 | HONG KONG | 667 | 3.2 | 6 | EL SALVADOR | 797 | 4.4 |
| 7 | TAIWAN | 585 | 2.8 | 7 | VIETNAM | 715 | 3.9 |
| 8 | FIJI | 506 | 2.4 | 8 | RUSSIA | 511 | 2.8 |
| 9 | PAKISTAN | 395 | 1.9 | 9 | NICARAGUA | 309 | 1.7 |
| 10 | EL SALVADOR | 327 | 1.6 | 10 | UNITED KINGDOM | 272 | 1.5 |
| | OTHER COUNTRIES | 5,271 | 25.4 | | OTHER COUNTRIES | 4,907 | 27.0 |
| | TOTAL | 20,718 | 100.0 | | TOTAL | 18,195 | 100.0 |
| San Mateo County (Rank 7) | | | Sacramento County (Rank 8) | | | | |
| 1 | PHILIPPINES | 2,460 | 21.2 | 1 | MEXICO | 1,926 | 17.7 |
| 2 | MEXICO | 2,128 | 18.3 | 2 | UKRAINE | 1,126 | 10.3 |
| 3 | CHINA | 943 | 8.1 | 3 | VIETNAM | 796 | 7.3 |
| 4 | EL SALVADOR | 641 | 5.5 | 4 | PHILIPPINES | 746 | 6.9 |
| 5 | FIJI | 502 | 4.3 | 5 | INDIA | 649 | 6.0 |
| 6 | INDIA | 400 | 3.4 | 6 | FIJI | 516 | 4.7 |
| 7 | HONG KONG | 340 | 2.9 | 7 | CHINA | 479 | 4.4 |
| 8 | TAIWAN | 266 | 2.3 | 8 | RUSSIA | 479 | 4.4 |
| 9 | NICARAGUA | 262 | 2.3 | 9 | SOVIET UNION | 433 | 4.0 |
| 10 | PERU | 242 | 2.1 | 10 | LAOS | 383 | 3.5 |
| | OTHER COUNTRIES | 3,415 | 29.4 | | OTHER COUNTRIES | 3,353 | 30.8 |
| | TOTAL | 11,599 | 100.0 | | TOTAL | 10,886 | 100.0 |
| San Bernardino County (Rank 9) | | | Riverside County (Rank 10) | | | | |
| 1 | MEXICO | 4,685 | 48.2 | 1 | MEXICO | 6,000 | 67.9 |
| 2 | PHILIPPINES | 917 | 9.4 | 2 | PHILIPPINES | 639 | 7.2 |
| 3 | VIETNAM | 417 | 4.3 | 3 | EL SALVADOR | 183 | 2.1 |
| 4 | INDIA | 321 | 3.3 | 4 | VIETNAM | 163 | 1.8 |
| 5 | EL SALVADOR | 312 | 3.2 | 5 | INDIA | 158 | 1.8 |
| 6 | CHINA | 230 | 2.4 | 6 | GUATEMALA | 135 | 1.5 |
| 7 | GUATEMALA | 165 | 1.7 | 7 | CHINA | 101 | 1.1 |
| 8 | PAKISTAN | 145 | 1.5 | 8 | CANADA | 81 | 0.9 |
| 9 | TAIWAN | 140 | 1.4 | 9 | UNITED KINGDOM | 80 | 0.9 |
| 10 | KOREA | 126 | 1.3 | 10 | PERU | 73 | 0.8 |
| | OTHER COUNTRIES | 2,252 | 23.2 | | OTHER COUNTRIES | 1,229 | 13.9 |
| | TOTAL | 9,710 | 100.0 | | TOTAL | 8,842 | 100.0 |

Focus of Flows to Counties

How are immigrant streams targeted or spread across California? One way to answer this question is to assess the degree of focus or concentration of particular streams to geographic areas below the level of the state. Table 9 describes the legal immigration flow for the top 10 countries of birth, as they are concentrated in counties. (Table 9 is a summary of Appendix 5, listing the top 10 countries of birth and the flow of legal immigrants for each country to the top 10 counties of intended residence.)

Most flows of legal immigrants are quite concentrated, ranging from 70 to 96 percent among the top 10 countries of birth and their top 10 counties of intended residence. The stream of immigrants from Taiwan is the most focused by intended county of residence—over 96 percent of Taiwanese immigrants intend to live in just 10 counties. The least concentrated flow to counties is for Mexico: about 70 percent of Mexican legal immigrants intend to live in just 10 counties. Since Mexico sends the largest number of legal immigrants to California (more than a third of the total), it might be expected that Mexican legal immigrants would be more widely dispersed by residence throughout the state.

Table 9. Top 10 Countries of Birth and Focus of Flows to Counties, Legal Immigrants to California, 1997-1998

| Country of Birth | Percent of Flow to Top Ten Focal Counties | County Focus Rank | 1997-1998 Number of Immigrants | Number of Immigrants Rank |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| TAIWAN | 96.1 | 1 | 7,097 | 9 |
| VIETNAM | 95.6 | 2 | 22,216 | 4 |
| CHINA | 95.0 | 3 | 25,640 | 3 |
| KOREA | 93.6 | 4 | 8,480 | 7 |
| IRAN | 93.1 | 5 | 8,412 | 8 |
| EL SALVADOR | 93.0 | 6 | 13,621 | 6 |
| GUATEMALA | 92.9 | 7 | 6,351 | 10 |
| PHILIPPINES | 85.8 | 8 | 38,009 | 2 |
| INDIA | 80.9 | 9 | 15,161 | 5 |
| MEXICO | 69.7 | 10 | 128,721 | 1 |

Note: See Appendix 5 for more detailed lists of flows to counties by the top ten countries of birth.

ZIP Codes of Intended Residence

Analysis by ZIP code tells an even more detailed story of focused immigration patterns. Table 10 presents the top 10 ZIP codes of intended residence for legal immigrants to California during 1997 and 1998. All 10 ZIP codes fall into the top 7 counties (by number of immigrants received). The top ZIP code destination is 94112 in San Francisco. It is the intended destination primarily of Chinese immigrants (32 percent) as well as Filipino, Mexican, and Salvadoran immigrants. Also in San Francisco, sixth ranked ZIP code 94122 is a destination for Ukrainians (12 percent). Los Angeles (West Hollywood) ZIP code 90046 is the destination for immigrants from the former Soviet Union (Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Soviet Union), totaling 71 percent of that ZIP code's incoming immigrants. Vietnamese immigrants constitute the largest group (76 percent) of immigrants to third ranked Westminster ZIP code 92683. Santa Ana ZIP code 92704 receives largely Mexican legal immigrants (54 percent) followed by immigrants from Vietnam (31 percent). Sunnyvale, in Santa Clara County, is the intended residence for immigrants from India (27 percent) and China (13 percent). Immigrants from the Philippines form the principal group intending to live in Union City ZIP code 94587, Daly City ZIP code 94015, and Milpitas ZIP code 95035. Immigrants from Somalia are the single largest group (40 percent) intending to live in San Diego ZIP code 92105.

Table 10. Legal Immigrant Flows to the Top 10 ZIP Codes of Intended Residence, California, 1997-1998

| Rank | ZIP Code | City (District) | County | Number of Immigrants | Predominant Countries of Birth (Country, Percent) |
|------|----------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------|--|
| 1 | 94112 | San Francisco | San Francisco | 2,588 | China (32), Philippines (25), Mexico (9), El Salvador (8) |
| 2 | 90046 | Los Angeles (W. Hollywood) | Los Angeles | 2,147 | Ukraine (35), Soviet Union (17), Russia (14), Belarus (5) |
| 3 | 92683 | Westminster | Orange | 2,137 | Vietnam (76), Mexico (10), Philippines (2), Pakistan (1) |
| 4 | 92704 | Santa Ana | Orange | 1,925 | Mexico (54), Vietnam (31), Philippines (3), El Salvador (3) |
| 5 | 94086 | Sunnyvale | Santa Clara | 1,823 | India (27), China (13), Philippines (9), Mexico (7), Vietnam (6) |
| 6 | 94122 | San Francisco | San Francisco | 1,725 | China (35), Ukraine (12), Hong Kong (9), Philippines (7) |
| 7 | 94587 | Union City | Alameda | 1,718 | Philippines (36), India (17), Mexico (14), China (8) |
| 8 | 94015 | Daly City | San Mateo | 1,706 | Philippines (42), China (10), Burma (9), El Salvador (4) |
| 9 | 92105 | San Diego | San Diego | 1,673 | Somalia (40), Mexico (25), Vietnam (15), Kenya (5) |
| 10 | 95035 | Milpitas | Santa Clara | 1,668 | Philippines (27), Vietnam (22), India (15), China (12) |

IMMIGRANT CHARACTERISTICS

The preceding sections of this report sketched the origins and destinations of California’s legal immigrants. This section describes additional characteristics of these immigrants, including the type of class of admission for legal permanent residence, occupation, age and sex structure of the group admitted, and marital status.

Class of Admission

Three major categories of admission were described previously, based upon administrative processing by the U.S. Department of State or the INS: new arrivals from abroad, adjustment of status, and refugees or asylees (Table 1). However, the number and legal definition of classes of admission is complex—as of 1998, the INS admitted immigrants under at least 342 classes of admission.⁴ Table 11 summarizes this large number of classes in 5 broad categories: family-related, employment-based, refugees and asylees, diversity programs, and miscellaneous others. Some immigration categories are capped, limiting the number of immigrants admissible to the United States during each year based on legislated formulas. Other programs are non-capped and do not restrict the number of immigrants admitted.

Table 11. Classes of Admission for Legal Immigrants to California, 1997-1998

| Class of Admission | 1997 Number | 1998 Number | 1997-1998 Total | 1997-1998 Percent |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| FAMILY-RELATED | 148,734 | 134,917 | 283,651 | 76.4 |
| Family-Sponsored Preferences | 71,590 | 63,429 | | |
| Immediate Relatives (Children, Parents, Spouses, Adoptees) | 76,798 | 71,290 | | |
| Children Born Abroad | 346 | 198 | | |
| EMPLOYMENT-BASED | 20,775 | 20,088 | 40,863 | 11.0 |
| REFUGEES AND ASYLEES | 23,046 | 8,309 | 31,355 | 8.4 |
| DIVERSITY PROGRAMS | 6,459 | 5,397 | 11,856 | 3.2 |
| OTHER | 2,652 | 830 | 3,482 | 0.9 |
| TOTAL | 201,666 | 169,541 | 371,207 | 100.0 |

⁴ For more information about immigration legislation and classes of admission, readers may refer to the *Statistical Yearbook of the Immigration and Naturalization Service* series (see INS 1999a), a historical summary of immigration regulation in the United States (INS 1991), or data codebooks for raw data files released by the INS (see ICPSR n.d.).

During 1997 and 1998, most immigrants to California entered under a set of family-related admission classes (76.4 percent, or 283,651 immigrants). Family-related admissions include 3 groups. First are family-sponsored preferences, a capped category. These preferences are organized by degree of family relatedness to a U.S. citizen or permanent resident alien (first through fourth preferences). Second, are immediate relatives, a non-capped category, allowing immigration for close relatives to a U.S. citizen (spouse, children under 21 years of age, parents, orphans, or adopted children). Third, are children born abroad to lawful permanent residents of the United States.

For California, the second largest class of admissions is employment-based (11 percent, or 40,863 immigrants). Employment-based admissions are capped and defined by a series of preferences (first through fifth). First preference goes to priority workers (persons of extraordinary ability, outstanding professors or researchers, certain multinational executives and managers) and their families. Second preference covers professionals with advanced degrees or aliens of exceptional ability, and their spouses and children. Third preference includes skilled workers, professionals without advanced degrees, needed unskilled workers, and their spouses and children. Fourth preference extends to special immigrants, including religious workers. Fifth preference is for employment creation (“investors”) and their spouses and children.

Refugees and asylees form a third broad class of admissions to the state (8.4 percent, or 31,355 immigrants). Refugees are persons outside of their country who are unable or unwilling to return to their country because of fear of persecution “based on the alien’s race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion” (INS 1999a: A.3-9). Refugee admissions are non-capped and allow the refugee to adjust to permanent legal residence after one year of continuous presence in the United States. Asylees are similar to refugees in seeking protection from fear of persecution in their country and in being eligible to adjust to permanent legal status after one year in the United States (INS 1999a: A.3-2). However, the number of asylees is capped for each federal fiscal year.

Diversity programs admitted the fourth largest set of immigrants to California (3.2 percent, or 11,856 immigrants). Diversity admissions are distributed by a lottery system with a formula for capping the total number of immigrants from any particular country (INS 1999a: A.3-4).

A miscellaneous set of other admission classes accounts for less than 1 percent of legal immigrants to California (0.9 percent, or 3,482 immigrants).

Occupation

Though employment-based immigrants account for only 11 percent of admissions to the state, these immigrants are important because they add to the state’s labor pool and economic development. Table 12 provides more detail about this group of immigrants, including the number of principals (the worker) and his or her family members (dependents). About 46 percent (18,772) of the employment-based admissions were principals; 54 percent were dependents. The top occupations for principals were, first, executives, administrators, and managers (23 percent); second, engineers (16.6 percent); third, service occupations (12 percent);

and, fourth, social, recreation and religious workers (6.2 percent). Principals were primarily male (69.7 percent).

Table 12. Employment-Based Admissions by Occupation: Principals and Dependents, and Principals by Sex, California, 1997-1998

| Occupation | Percent of Principals and Dependents | | | | Sex of Principal* | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|--------|-------------------|--------|-------|
| | Principals | Principals | Dependents | Total | Male | Female | |
| Executive, Administrative, Managerial | 23.0 | 4,323 | 625 | 4,948 | 3,268 | 1,055 | |
| Engineers | 16.6 | 3,124 | 443 | 3,567 | 2,799 | 324 | |
| Service Occupations | 12.0 | 2,255 | 363 | 2,618 | 1,016 | 1,239 | |
| Social, Recreation, and Religious Workers | 6.2 | 1,166 | 45 | 1,211 | 807 | 358 | |
| Natural Scientists | 4.9 | 912 | 99 | 1,011 | 665 | 246 | |
| Precision Production, Craft, Repair Occupations | 4.1 | 766 | 94 | 860 | 630 | 136 | |
| Writers, Artists, Entertainers, Athletes | 4.1 | 762 | 125 | 887 | 516 | 246 | |
| Mathematical or Computer Scientists | 3.6 | 677 | 65 | 742 | 578 | 99 | |
| Operators, Fabricators, Laborers | 2.8 | 528 | 286 | 814 | 393 | 135 | |
| Nurses | 2.3 | 440 | 42 | 482 | 65 | 375 | |
| Administrative Support (including Clerical) | 1.9 | 360 | 275 | 635 | 108 | 252 | |
| Teachers (Postsecondary) | 1.4 | 271 | 63 | 334 | 192 | 79 | |
| Sales Occupations | 1.3 | 247 | 157 | 404 | 164 | 83 | |
| Technologists And Technicians, Except Health | 1.1 | 207 | 76 | 283 | 164 | 43 | |
| Teachers (Except Postsecondary) | 1.1 | 205 | 101 | 306 | 74 | 131 | |
| Physicians | 1.0 | 195 | 80 | 275 | 149 | 46 | |
| Health Technologists, Technicians | 1.0 | 190 | 48 | 238 | 144 | 46 | |
| Other Health Assessment or Treating | 0.6 | 119 | 41 | 160 | 49 | 70 | |
| 10 Other Occupational Groups** | 1.9 | 365 | 17,239 | 17,604 | 257 | 108 | |
| Occupation Not Reported | 8.8 | 1,660 | 1,824 | 3,484 | 1,053 | 605 | |
| | TOTAL | 100.0 | 18,772 | 22,091 | 40,863 | 13,091 | 5,676 |
| | Percent | | 45.9 | 54.1 | 100.0 | 69.7 | 30.2 |

Notes:

* Sum by sex excludes 5 cases where sex of principal was not reported.

**Includes occupational groups less than 100 persons in size, students, homemakers, and unemployed or retired persons.

From which countries do employment-based principals come to work in California? Table 13 lists the top 20 countries of birth for principals by sex. Fifteen of the top 20 countries of birth for principals are the same as the top 20 countries of birth for immigrants to California generally. However, 5 countries merit remark as perhaps unexpected senders of employment-based principals: Germany, France, Israel, Lebanon, and Armenia. The flow of immigrants from each country of birth is mostly male. However, 3 countries send more females than males as principals: the Philippines, El Salvador, and Guatemala.

Table 13. Employment-Based Immigrants (Principals) by Country of Birth and Sex, California, 1997-1998

| Country of Birth | Male | Female | Total* | Percent |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| CHINA | 1,811 | 715 | 2,526 | 13.5 |
| INDIA | 1,715 | 227 | 1,942 | 10.3 |
| MEXICO | 1,233 | 376 | 1,609 | 8.6 |
| PHILIPPINES | 532 | 773 | 1,305 | 7.0 |
| TAIWAN | 873 | 427 | 1,300 | 6.9 |
| KOREA | 729 | 395 | 1,124 | 6.0 |
| UNITED KINGDOM | 799 | 223 | 1,022 | 5.4 |
| JAPAN | 543 | 150 | 693 | 3.7 |
| EL SALVADOR | 218 | 435 | 653 | 3.5 |
| CANADA | 428 | 134 | 562 | 3.0 |
| IRAN | 283 | 162 | 445 | 2.4 |
| HONG KONG | 278 | 137 | 415 | 2.2 |
| GUATEMALA | 129 | 248 | 377 | 2.0 |
| GERMANY | 223 | 69 | 292 | 1.6 |
| RUSSIA | 200 | 62 | 262 | 1.4 |
| FRANCE | 171 | 38 | 209 | 1.1 |
| ISRAEL | 142 | 34 | 176 | 0.9 |
| PAKISTAN | 149 | 17 | 166 | 0.9 |
| LEBANON | 113 | 29 | 142 | 0.8 |
| ARMENIA | 90 | 37 | 127 | 0.7 |
| Other Countries | 2,432 | 988 | 3,420 | 18.2 |
| TOTAL | 13,091 | 5,676 | 18,767 | 100.0 |
| Percent | 69.8 | 30.2 | | |

*Note: This table excludes 5 persons for whom sex was not reported.

Age and Sex

Because immigrant admissions are affected by multiple factors including national immigration policy, family ties, and employment markets, the age and sex characteristics of the immigrant stream are different than those of the general population of California.

By age, immigrants tend to be younger than the general population. For legal immigrants to California in 1997 and 1998 combined, the median age for males was 27 years, and 30 years for females. This compares with median ages of 32.7 years for males and 34.7 for females in the California resident population in 1997 (DOF 1998: 1997 estimate file). Figure 3 depicts the curve for number of immigrants across five-year age groups, showing a distinct pattern of peaks for age groups 15-19 and 25-29 with a trough at ages 20-24. This is probably the effect of the bulk of working-age immigrants in their twenties and thirties bringing their dependents with them. The INS defines child dependents as younger than 21 years of age (INS 1999a: A.3-3).

For the two-year period 1997 and 1998, the immigrant stream was more female (56.5 percent) than male (43.5 percent). There were more females than males in most age groups. Figure 4 shows the sex ratio across age groups, comparing the curves for the 1997 and 1998 legal immigrant stream with the curve for California in 1997. The sex ratio is an index describing “masculinity” of the age groups: a sex ratio of 100 means there is an identical number of males and females; over 100 indicates more males than females; and under 100 indicates less males than females. The legal immigrant stream is more male than female in the younger age groups (5-9, 10-14, 15-19 years old). However, for age groups 20-24 and above, the sex ratio for immigrants is less than 100, indicating more females than males. When compared with the curve for California, the immigrant stream is more feminine than would be expected between the ages of 15 and 65. Compared with the state’s age distribution, the immigrant stream shows a higher sex ratio (more males per females) than might be expected above age 65.

Table 14. Age-Sex Structure and Sex Ratio of Legal Immigrant Flow to California, 1997-1998

| Age Group | 1997-1998 Male* | 1997-1998 Female* | 1997-1998 Total | 1997-1998 Percent | Cumulative Percent | 1997-1998 Sex Ratio** |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 0-4 | 5,907 | 6,334 | 12,241 | 3.30 | 3.30 | 93.3 |
| 5-9 | 10,913 | 10,383 | 21,296 | 5.74 | 9.04 | 105.1 |
| 10-14 | 18,952 | 17,581 | 36,533 | 9.84 | 18.88 | 107.8 |
| 15-19 | 21,250 | 20,513 | 41,763 | 11.25 | 30.13 | 103.6 |
| 20-24 | 13,832 | 18,238 | 32,070 | 8.64 | 38.77 | 75.8 |
| 25-29 | 18,903 | 28,290 | 47,193 | 12.72 | 51.49 | 66.8 |
| 30-34 | 16,405 | 24,693 | 41,098 | 11.07 | 62.56 | 66.4 |
| 35-39 | 11,072 | 17,695 | 28,767 | 7.75 | 70.31 | 62.6 |
| 40-44 | 8,693 | 14,308 | 23,001 | 6.20 | 76.51 | 60.8 |
| 45-49 | 7,753 | 11,430 | 19,183 | 5.17 | 81.68 | 67.8 |
| 50-54 | 6,058 | 9,349 | 15,407 | 4.15 | 85.83 | 64.8 |
| 55-59 | 5,532 | 9,328 | 14,860 | 4.00 | 89.84 | 59.3 |
| 60-64 | 5,544 | 8,427 | 13,971 | 3.76 | 93.60 | 65.8 |
| 65-69 | 5,010 | 6,321 | 11,331 | 3.05 | 96.65 | 79.3 |
| 70-74 | 3,035 | 3,792 | 6,827 | 1.84 | 98.49 | 80.0 |
| 75-79 | 1,510 | 1,796 | 3,306 | 0.89 | 99.38 | 84.1 |
| 80-84 | 582 | 752 | 1,334 | 0.36 | 99.74 | 77.4 |
| 85-89 | 209 | 331 | 540 | 0.15 | 99.89 | 63.1 |
| 90-94 | 42 | 90 | 132 | 0.04 | 99.92 | 46.7 |
| 95+ | 14 | 16 | 30 | 0.01 | 99.93 | 87.5 |
| Unknown Age | 104 | 148 | 252 | 0.07 | 100.00 | |
| TOTAL | 161,320 | 209,815 | 371,135 | 100.00 | | |
| Percent | 43.5 | 56.5 | 100.00 | | | |

Notes:

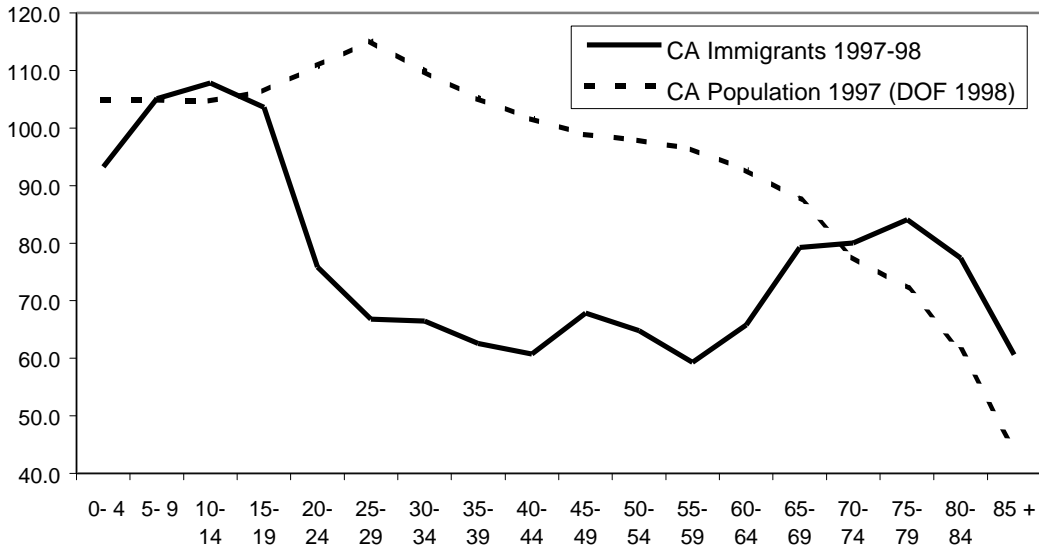
* Numbers are the sum of age groups for Federal Fiscal Years 1997 and 1998 and exclude 72 persons for whom sex was not reported.

** Sex Ratio = number males / number females x 100

Figure 3
Age and Sex of California Legal Immigrants, 1997-1998



Figure 4
Sex Ratio for Legal Immigrants to California, 1997-1998



Marital Status

Most legal immigrants are married (Table 15). For the group of legal immigrants 15 years of age and older, 59 percent were married, 27 percent were single, 3 percent were widowed, and just over 1 percent were divorced. More women were married (62 percent) than men (55 percent). Women were more likely to be widowed (4.9 percent) than men (1 percent).

Table 15. Marital Status of Legal Immigrants Age 15 and Older, by Sex, California, 1997-1998

| Marital Status | Number Males | Number Females | Sex Not Reported | Total Number | Percent of Males | Percent of Females | Percent of Total |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Married | 69,504 | 109,150 | 18 | 178,672 | 55.4 | 62.2 | 59.4 |
| Single | 41,534 | 38,388 | 5 | 79,927 | 33.1 | 21.9 | 26.6 |
| Widowed | 1,294 | 8,544 | 1 | 9,839 | 1.0 | 4.9 | 3.3 |
| Divorced | 1,209 | 2,608 | 0 | 3,817 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.3 |
| Separated | 108 | 261 | 0 | 369 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Not Reported | 11,795 | 16,418 | 41 | 28,254 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 9.4 |
| TOTAL | 125,444 | 175,369 | 65 | 300,878 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Percent | 41.7 | 58.3 | | 100.0 | | | |

*Note: Table excludes persons 0 through 14 years old, and 252 persons of unknown age.

CONCLUSION

During 1997 and 1998, legal immigration from foreign countries to California followed patterns similar to previous years of the 1990s. By national origin, immigrants from Latin America and Asia predominate. Most immigrants intend to live in the most densely populated regions of California, following family ties to join relatives already in the United States, or employment opportunities. Among adult immigrants, there are more women than men; however, immigrants admitted as principal workers are most often men. Immigrants to California tend to be younger than the resident population. Given existing federal immigration policy, the large number of immigrants already in the state, and the current strength of the economy, California is likely to continue to attract a great diversity of international immigrants well into the future.

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Appendix 1

Data Sources and Method

This report describes legal foreign immigration to California during Federal Fiscal Years 1997 and 1998. Federal Fiscal Year 1997 covers October 1, 1996 through September 30, 1997; Federal Fiscal Year 1998 covers October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1998. This report does not describe undocumented international immigration to California, or domestic migration from other states to California.

Data Sources

Data for legal immigration to the United States are maintained by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and are released through the National Technical Information Service, in the format of public use tapes or CD-ROMs (NTIS 2000). The public use form of the INS data excludes immigrants legalized under the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986, a program that legalized aliens already in the United States as long-term residents (INS 1991: 23-25). Statistics for legal immigration to California contained in reports by the California Department of Finance differ from those published in the Statistical Yearbooks of the INS, though the source of data for both is the INS (see INS 2000). Immigrants admitted under IRCA are excluded from Department of Finance reports because the INS public use data exclude IRCA immigrants. Additionally, including IRCA immigrants in analysis of statewide immigration provides a less timely picture of recent immigrant flows into the state. The differences between published INS numbers of legal immigrants to California and the numbers in this report are summarized in the table below.

Number of Legal Immigrants to California, 1997-1998:
Comparison of INS Yearbook and INS Public Use Data

| Data Source (Reference) | Federal Fiscal Year 1997 | Federal Fiscal Year 1998 |
|--|---|---|
| <i>1998 Statistical Yearbook of the INS</i> (INS 2000, Table 18, p. 62) | 203,305 | 170,126 |
| INS Public Use Data released on NTIS CD-ROM (NTIS 2000) * | 201,666 | 169,541 |
| Difference ** | 1,639 | 585 |

Notes:

* Data used for this report.

** Immigrants admitted under IRCA and excluded from this report.

Other Department of Finance reports about legal immigration to California are listed under References Cited (refer to DOF 1995, DOF 1996, DOF 1997a, DOF 1997b, and DOF 1999).

Method of Data Preparation

The public use data released by the INS require a significant amount of processing to summarize. The raw data files are coded, requiring that a computer program be written to convert the INS codes into meaningful text. Most of the codes are clearly detailed in the codebook that accompanies the raw data file. However, a critical exception is the use of ZIP codes by the INS to code the geographic location of an immigrant's intended residence. The INS data file includes only a ZIP code of intended residence, not the name of a county or city. To determine the flow of immigrants at geographic levels below the state, ZIP codes in the raw data files must be linked to a ZIP code list containing place names for counties or cities. For this report, ZIP codes in the 1997 and 1998 public use data files were linked to the most recent U.S. Postal Service ZIP code file available (May 2000). Nevertheless, some ZIP codes in the INS data could not be matched. In this report, ZIP codes without matches are reported as "Unknown" under a county or place name.

Not all ZIP codes in the INS data matched the U.S. Postal Service file because ZIP codes often change and some ZIP codes are erroneously reported in the immigration data. Where possible, older ZIP codes not currently in service, but found in the INS data, were matched with historical ZIP code files. The May 2000 U.S. Postal Service ZIP code file for California contains 2,671 ZIP codes. This file was augmented by another 10 ZIP codes archived in ZIP code files at the Department of Finance and 28 ZIP codes from the MABLE Geocorr 3.0 program for U.S. 1990 census data (Internet: <http://oseda.missouri.edu/plue/geocorr/>).

Data codebooks for the 1997 and 1998 INS raw data files are available online from the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) at the University of Michigan (www.icpsr.umich.edu). Search holdings for "Immigrants Admitted to the United States" or ICPSR Study Numbers 2955 and 2956.

Appendix 2

Legal Immigrants by World Region and Country of Birth, California, 1997-1998

| World Region | Country of Birth | 1997 Number | 1998 Number | 1997-1998 Total | 1997-1998 Percent of World Region | 1997-1998 Percent of CA Legal Immigrants |
|--------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|---|--|
| ALL REGIONS | (202 countries) | 201,666 | 169,541 | 371,207 | NA | 100.00 |
| AFRICA | (51 countries) | 5,438 | 4,352 | 9,790 | 100.00 | 2.64 |
| | ALGERIA | 120 | 118 | 238 | 2.43 | |
| | ANGOLA | 5 | 3 | 8 | 0.08 | |
| | BENIN | 5 | 3 | 8 | 0.08 | |
| | BOTSWANA | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.01 | |
| | BURKINA FASO | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.01 | |
| | BURUNDI | 2 | 5 | 7 | 0.07 | |
| | CAMEROON | 53 | 44 | 97 | 0.99 | |
| | CAPE VERDE | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0.03 | |
| | CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.01 | |
| | CHAD | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0.02 | |
| | CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF | 29 | 11 | 40 | 0.41 | |
| | CONGO, REPUBLIC OF | 6 | 8 | 14 | 0.14 | |
| | COTE D IVOIRE | 29 | 16 | 45 | 0.46 | |
| | DJIBOUTI | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0.02 | |
| | EGYPT | 776 | 865 | 1,641 | 16.76 | |
| | EQUATORIAL GUINEA | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0.03 | |
| | ERITREA | 185 | 126 | 311 | 3.18 | |
| | ETHIOPIA | 1,008 | 700 | 1,708 | 17.45 | |
| | GABON | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0.04 | |
| | GAMBIA | 7 | 15 | 22 | 0.22 | |
| | GHANA | 171 | 174 | 345 | 3.52 | |
| | GUINEA | 8 | 2 | 10 | 0.10 | |
| | GUINEA-BISSAU | 3 | 6 | 9 | 0.09 | |
| | KENYA | 221 | 193 | 414 | 4.23 | |
| | LESOTHO | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.01 | |
| | LIBERIA | 82 | 57 | 139 | 1.42 | |
| | LIBYA | 33 | 23 | 56 | 0.57 | |
| | MADAGASCAR | 6 | 4 | 10 | 0.10 | |
| | MALAWI | 6 | 4 | 10 | 0.10 | |
| | MALI | 5 | 4 | 9 | 0.09 | |
| | MAURITANIA | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0.02 | |
| | MAURITIUS | 7 | 3 | 10 | 0.10 | |
| | MOROCCO | 209 | 126 | 335 | 3.42 | |
| | MOZAMBIQUE | 10 | 14 | 24 | 0.25 | |

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|-----------------------------|----------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|-------|
| NAMIBIA | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0.03 | | |
| NIGER | 133 | 61 | 194 | 1.98 | | |
| NIGERIA | 582 | 652 | 1,234 | 12.60 | | |
| RWANDA | 11 | 1 | 12 | 0.12 | | |
| SENEGAL | 25 | 28 | 53 | 0.54 | | |
| SEYCHELLES | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0.05 | | |
| SIERRA LEONE | 112 | 55 | 167 | 1.71 | | |
| SOMALIA | 715 | 266 | 981 | 10.02 | | |
| SOUTH AFRICA | 412 | 484 | 896 | 9.15 | | |
| SUDAN | 204 | 105 | 309 | 3.16 | | |
| SWAZILAND | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0.02 | | |
| TANZANIA | 61 | 41 | 102 | 1.04 | | |
| TOGO | 9 | 10 | 19 | 0.19 | | |
| TUNISIA | 15 | 27 | 42 | 0.43 | | |
| UGANDA | 68 | 40 | 108 | 1.10 | | |
| ZAMBIA | 52 | 22 | 74 | 0.76 | | |
| ZIMBABWE | 35 | 24 | 59 | 0.60 | | |
| ASIA | (49 countries) | 89,298 | 70,792 | 160,090 | 100.00 | 43.13 |
| AFGHANISTAN | 431 | 278 | 709 | 0.44 | | |
| ARMENIA | 1,701 | 928 | 2,629 | 1.64 | | |
| AZERBAIJAN | 288 | 138 | 426 | 0.27 | | |
| BAHRAIN | 15 | 8 | 23 | 0.01 | | |
| BANGLADESH | 484 | 613 | 1,097 | 0.69 | | |
| BHUTAN | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0.00 | | |
| BRUNEI | 3 | 7 | 10 | 0.01 | | |
| BURMA | 609 | 779 | 1,388 | 0.87 | | |
| CAMBODIA | 572 | 412 | 984 | 0.61 | | |
| CHINA, PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF | 13,058 | 12,582 | 25,640 | 16.02 | | |
| CHRISTMAS ISLAND | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.00 | | |
| CYPRUS | 19 | 17 | 36 | 0.02 | | |
| GEORGIA | 175 | 98 | 273 | 0.17 | | |
| HONG KONG | 2,578 | 2,420 | 4,998 | 3.12 | | |
| INDIA | 7,984 | 7,177 | 15,161 | 9.47 | | |
| INDONESIA | 400 | 481 | 881 | 0.55 | | |
| IRAN | 4,778 | 3,634 | 8,412 | 5.25 | | |
| IRAQ | 733 | 375 | 1,108 | 0.69 | | |
| ISRAEL | 553 | 529 | 1,082 | 0.68 | | |
| JAPAN | 1,551 | 1,634 | 3,185 | 1.99 | | |
| JORDAN | 648 | 585 | 1,233 | 0.77 | | |
| KAZAKHSTAN | 156 | 66 | 222 | 0.14 | | |
| KOREA | 4,015 | 4,465 | 8,480 | 5.30 | | |
| KUWAIT | 130 | 106 | 236 | 0.15 | | |
| KYRGYZSTAN | 57 | 8 | 65 | 0.04 | | |
| LAOS | 820 | 799 | 1,619 | 1.01 | | |
| LEBANON | 781 | 692 | 1,473 | 0.92 | | |
| MACAU | 135 | 124 | 259 | 0.16 | | |

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|----------------------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|
| MALAYSIA | 284 | 296 | 580 | 0.36 | | |
| MALDIVES | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.00 | | |
| MONGOLIA | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0.00 | | |
| NEPAL | 64 | 59 | 123 | 0.08 | | |
| OMAN | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0.00 | | |
| PAKISTAN | 1,738 | 1,711 | 3,449 | 2.15 | | |
| PHILIPPINES | 21,810 | 16,199 | 38,009 | 23.74 | | |
| QATAR | 10 | 8 | 18 | 0.01 | | |
| SAUDI ARABIA | 113 | 93 | 206 | 0.13 | | |
| SINGAPORE | 178 | 124 | 302 | 0.19 | | |
| SRI LANKA | 297 | 309 | 606 | 0.38 | | |
| SYRIA | 536 | 611 | 1,147 | 0.72 | | |
| TAIWAN | 3,438 | 3,659 | 7,097 | 4.43 | | |
| TAJIKISTAN | 28 | 7 | 35 | 0.02 | | |
| THAILAND | 1,261 | 1,417 | 2,678 | 1.67 | | |
| TURKEY | 401 | 343 | 744 | 0.46 | | |
| TURKMENISTAN | 22 | 4 | 26 | 0.02 | | |
| UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | 70 | 54 | 124 | 0.08 | | |
| UZBEKISTAN | 404 | 108 | 512 | 0.32 | | |
| VIETNAM | 15,697 | 6,519 | 22,216 | 13.88 | | |
| YEMEN | 264 | 310 | 574 | 0.36 | | |
| EUROPE | (44 countries) | 17,286 | 12,208 | 29,494 | 100.00 | 7.95 |
| ALBANIA | 58 | 46 | 104 | 0.35 | | |
| ANDORRA | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.00 | | |
| AUSTRIA | 113 | 67 | 180 | 0.61 | | |
| BELARUS | 543 | 148 | 691 | 2.34 | | |
| BELGIUM | 116 | 94 | 210 | 0.71 | | |
| BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA | 789 | 485 | 1,274 | 4.32 | | |
| BULGARIA | 445 | 535 | 980 | 3.32 | | |
| CROATIA | 120 | 98 | 218 | 0.74 | | |
| CZECH REPUBLIC | 32 | 23 | 55 | 0.19 | | |
| CZECHOSLOVAKIA | 68 | 62 | 130 | 0.44 | | |
| DENMARK | 105 | 111 | 216 | 0.73 | | |
| ESTONIA | 35 | 17 | 52 | 0.18 | | |
| FINLAND | 61 | 47 | 108 | 0.37 | | |
| FRANCE | 710 | 680 | 1,390 | 4.71 | | |
| GERMANY | 1,040 | 957 | 1,997 | 6.77 | | |
| GIBRALTAR | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.00 | | |
| GREECE | 123 | 91 | 214 | 0.73 | | |
| HUNGARY | 225 | 192 | 417 | 1.41 | | |
| ICELAND | 20 | 18 | 38 | 0.13 | | |
| IRELAND | 161 | 175 | 336 | 1.14 | | |
| ITALY | 298 | 320 | 618 | 2.10 | | |
| LATVIA | 126 | 59 | 185 | 0.63 | | |
| LITHUANIA | 81 | 90 | 171 | 0.58 | | |
| LUXEMBOURG | 5 | 4 | 9 | 0.03 | | |
| MACEDONIA | 16 | 16 | 32 | 0.11 | | |

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|---|--------|--------|---------|--------|-------|
| MALTA | 6 | 18 | 24 | 0.08 | |
| MOLDOVA | 308 | 107 | 415 | 1.41 | |
| MONACO | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0.01 | |
| N. IRELAND | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0.01 | |
| NETHERLANDS | 199 | 181 | 380 | 1.29 | |
| NORWAY | 61 | 54 | 115 | 0.39 | |
| POLAND | 382 | 273 | 655 | 2.22 | |
| PORTUGAL | 139 | 110 | 249 | 0.84 | |
| ROMANIA | 828 | 824 | 1,652 | 5.60 | |
| RUSSIA | 2,798 | 1,420 | 4,218 | 14.30 | |
| SLOVAKIA | 48 | 37 | 85 | 0.29 | |
| SLOVENIA | 10 | 5 | 15 | 0.05 | |
| SOVIET UNION | 793 | 832 | 1,625 | 5.51 | |
| SPAIN | 192 | 164 | 356 | 1.21 | |
| SWEDEN | 229 | 186 | 415 | 1.41 | |
| SWITZERLAND | 284 | 211 | 495 | 1.68 | |
| UKRAINE | 3,196 | 1,299 | 4,495 | 15.24 | |
| UNITED KINGDOM | 2,258 | 1,954 | 4,212 | 14.28 | |
| YUGOSLAVIA | 261 | 195 | 456 | 1.55 | |
| | | | | | |
| LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (39 countries) | 86,150 | 78,590 | 164,740 | 100.00 | 44.38 |
| | | | | | |
| ANTIGUA-BARBUDA | 1 | 6 | 7 | 0.00 | |
| ARGENTINA | 392 | 322 | 714 | 0.43 | |
| ARUBA | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0.00 | |
| BAHAMAS | 13 | 6 | 19 | 0.01 | |
| BARBADOS | 8 | 17 | 25 | 0.02 | |
| BELIZE | 239 | 192 | 431 | 0.26 | |
| BOLIVIA | 222 | 171 | 393 | 0.24 | |
| BRAZIL | 573 | 556 | 1,129 | 0.69 | |
| BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0.00 | |
| CAYMAN ISLANDS | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.00 | |
| CHILE | 217 | 200 | 417 | 0.25 | |
| COLOMBIA | 726 | 649 | 1,375 | 0.83 | |
| COSTA RICA | 219 | 197 | 416 | 0.25 | |
| CUBA | 379 | 289 | 668 | 0.41 | |
| DOMINICA | 23 | 11 | 34 | 0.02 | |
| DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | 57 | 72 | 129 | 0.08 | |
| ECUADOR | 436 | 364 | 800 | 0.49 | |
| EL SALVADOR | 7,311 | 6,310 | 13,621 | 8.27 | |
| FRENCH GUIANA | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.00 | |
| GRENADA | 12 | 3 | 15 | 0.01 | |
| GUADELOUPE | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0.00 | |
| GUATEMALA | 3,123 | 3,228 | 6,351 | 3.86 | |
| GUYANA | 109 | 68 | 177 | 0.11 | |
| HAITI | 44 | 61 | 105 | 0.06 | |
| HONDURAS | 1,018 | 989 | 2,007 | 1.22 | |
| JAMAICA | 260 | 186 | 446 | 0.27 | |

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|--|------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|------|
| | MEXICO | 67,066 | 61,655 | 128,721 | 78.14 | |
| | NETHERLANDS ANTILLES | 5 | 1 | 6 | 0.00 | |
| | NICARAGUA | 1,494 | 881 | 2,375 | 1.44 | |
| | PANAMA | 171 | 161 | 332 | 0.20 | |
| | PARAGUAY | 17 | 23 | 40 | 0.02 | |
| | PERU | 1,655 | 1,685 | 3,340 | 2.03 | |
| | ST. KITTS-NEVIS | 5 | 1 | 6 | 0.00 | |
| | ST. LUCIA | 7 | 7 | 14 | 0.01 | |
| | ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES | 6 | 5 | 11 | 0.01 | |
| | SURINAME | 11 | 2 | 13 | 0.01 | |
| | TRINIDAD & TOBAGO | 114 | 82 | 196 | 0.12 | |
| | URUGUAY | 46 | 30 | 76 | 0.05 | |
| | VENEZUELA | 162 | 157 | 319 | 0.19 | |
| | NORTH AMERICA (3 countries) | 1,346 | 1,405 | 2,751 | 100.00 | 0.74 |
| | BERMUDA | 5 | 1 | 6 | 0.22 | |
| | CANADA | 1,337 | 1,396 | 2,733 | 99.35 | |
| | UNITED STATES | 4 | 8 | 12 | 0.44 | |
| | OCEANIA (16 countries) | 2,134 | 1,964 | 4,098 | 100.00 | 1.10 |
| | AUSTRALIA | 447 | 274 | 721 | 17.59 | |
| | COOK ISLANDS | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0.05 | |
| | FIJI | 1,325 | 1,391 | 2,716 | 66.28 | |
| | FRENCH POLYNESIA | 10 | 2 | 12 | 0.29 | |
| | KIRIBATI | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.02 | |
| | MICRONESIA, FEDERATED STATES | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0.05 | |
| | NEW CALEDONIA | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.05 | |
| | NEW ZEALAND | 184 | 181 | 365 | 8.91 | |
| | NIUE | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.02 | |
| | NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.02 | |
| | PALAU | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0.07 | |
| | PAPUA NEW GUINEA | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0.15 | |
| | SAMOA | 39 | 33 | 72 | 1.76 | |
| | SOLOMON ISLANDS | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.02 | |
| | TONGA | 116 | 75 | 191 | 4.66 | |
| | VANUATU | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.05 | |
| | UNKNOWN | 14 | 230 | 244 | NA | 0.07 |

Appendix 3A

Legal Immigrants by Top One Hundred Countries of Birth, California, 1997

| Rank | Country of Birth | Percent of | | | Rank | Country of Birth | Percent of | | |
|------|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | Number | 1997 CA | Cumulative | | | Number | 1997 CA | Cumulative |
| | | Immigrants | Immigrants | Percent | | | Immigrants | Immigrants | Percent |
| 1 | MEXICO | 67,066 | 33.26 | 33.26 | 51 | TURKEY | 401 | 0.20 | 94.21 |
| 2 | PHILIPPINES | 21,810 | 10.81 | 44.07 | 52 | INDONESIA | 400 | 0.20 | 94.41 |
| 3 | VIETNAM | 15,697 | 7.78 | 51.85 | 53 | ARGENTINA | 392 | 0.19 | 94.60 |
| 4 | CHINA, PEOPLES' REPUBLIC | 13,058 | 6.48 | 58.33 | 54 | POLAND | 382 | 0.19 | 94.79 |
| 5 | INDIA | 7,984 | 3.96 | 62.29 | 55 | CUBA | 379 | 0.19 | 94.98 |
| 6 | EL SALVADOR | 7,311 | 3.63 | 65.91 | 56 | MOLDOVA | 308 | 0.15 | 95.13 |
| 7 | IRAN | 4,778 | 2.37 | 68.28 | 57 | ITALY | 298 | 0.15 | 95.28 |
| 8 | KOREA | 4,015 | 1.99 | 70.27 | 58 | SRI LANKA | 297 | 0.15 | 95.43 |
| 9 | TAIWAN | 3,438 | 1.70 | 71.98 | 59 | AZERBAIJAN | 288 | 0.14 | 95.57 |
| 10 | UKRAINE | 3,196 | 1.58 | 73.56 | 60 | MALAYSIA | 284 | 0.14 | 95.71 |
| 11 | GUATEMALA | 3,123 | 1.55 | 75.11 | 61 | SWITZERLAND | 284 | 0.14 | 95.85 |
| 12 | RUSSIA | 2,798 | 1.39 | 76.50 | 62 | YEMEN | 264 | 0.13 | 95.98 |
| 13 | HONG KONG | 2,578 | 1.28 | 77.78 | 63 | YUGOSLAVIA | 261 | 0.13 | 96.11 |
| 14 | UNITED KINGDOM | 2,258 | 1.12 | 78.90 | 64 | JAMAICA | 260 | 0.13 | 96.24 |
| 15 | PAKISTAN | 1,738 | 0.86 | 79.76 | 65 | BELIZE | 239 | 0.12 | 96.36 |
| 16 | ARMENIA | 1,701 | 0.84 | 80.60 | 66 | SWEDEN | 229 | 0.11 | 96.47 |
| 17 | PERU | 1,655 | 0.82 | 81.42 | 67 | HUNGARY | 225 | 0.11 | 96.58 |
| 18 | JAPAN | 1,551 | 0.77 | 82.19 | 68 | BOLIVIA | 222 | 0.11 | 96.69 |
| 19 | NICARAGUA | 1,494 | 0.74 | 82.93 | 69 | KENYA | 221 | 0.11 | 96.80 |
| 20 | CANADA | 1,337 | 0.66 | 83.60 | 70 | COSTA RICA | 219 | 0.11 | 96.91 |
| 21 | FIJI | 1,325 | 0.66 | 84.25 | 71 | CHILE | 217 | 0.11 | 97.02 |
| 22 | THAILAND | 1,261 | 0.63 | 84.88 | 72 | MOROCCO | 209 | 0.10 | 97.12 |
| 23 | GERMANY | 1,040 | 0.52 | 85.39 | 73 | SUDAN | 204 | 0.10 | 97.22 |
| 24 | HONDURAS | 1,018 | 0.50 | 85.90 | 74 | NETHERLANDS | 199 | 0.10 | 97.32 |
| 25 | ETHIOPIA | 1,008 | 0.50 | 86.40 | 75 | SPAIN | 192 | 0.10 | 97.42 |
| 26 | ROMANIA | 828 | 0.41 | 86.81 | 76 | ERITREA | 185 | 0.09 | 97.51 |
| 27 | LAOS | 820 | 0.41 | 87.22 | 77 | NEW ZEALAND | 184 | 0.09 | 97.60 |
| 28 | SOVIET UNION | 793 | 0.39 | 87.61 | 78 | SINGAPORE | 178 | 0.09 | 97.69 |
| 29 | BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA | 789 | 0.39 | 88.00 | 79 | GEORGIA | 175 | 0.09 | 97.78 |
| 30 | LEBANON | 781 | 0.39 | 88.39 | 80 | GHANA | 171 | 0.08 | 97.86 |
| 31 | EGYPT | 776 | 0.38 | 88.77 | 81 | PANAMA | 171 | 0.08 | 97.95 |
| 32 | IRAQ | 733 | 0.36 | 89.14 | 82 | VENEZUELA | 162 | 0.08 | 98.03 |
| 33 | COLOMBIA | 726 | 0.36 | 89.50 | 83 | IRELAND | 161 | 0.08 | 98.11 |
| 34 | SOMALIA | 715 | 0.35 | 89.85 | 84 | KAZAKHSTAN | 156 | 0.08 | 98.18 |
| 35 | FRANCE | 710 | 0.35 | 90.20 | 85 | PORTUGAL | 139 | 0.07 | 98.25 |
| 36 | JORDAN | 648 | 0.32 | 90.52 | 86 | MACAU | 135 | 0.07 | 98.32 |
| 37 | BURMA | 609 | 0.30 | 90.83 | 87 | NIGER | 133 | 0.07 | 98.38 |
| 38 | NIGERIA | 582 | 0.29 | 91.12 | 88 | KUWAIT | 130 | 0.06 | 98.45 |
| 39 | BRAZIL | 573 | 0.28 | 91.40 | 89 | LATVIA | 126 | 0.06 | 98.51 |
| 40 | CAMBODIA | 572 | 0.28 | 91.68 | 90 | GREECE | 123 | 0.06 | 98.57 |
| 41 | ISRAEL | 553 | 0.27 | 91.96 | 91 | ALGERIA | 120 | 0.06 | 98.63 |
| 42 | BELARUS | 543 | 0.27 | 92.23 | 92 | CROATIA | 120 | 0.06 | 98.69 |
| 43 | SYRIA | 536 | 0.27 | 92.49 | 93 | BELGIUM | 116 | 0.06 | 98.75 |
| 44 | BANGLADESH | 484 | 0.24 | 92.73 | 94 | TONGA | 116 | 0.06 | 98.81 |
| 45 | AUSTRALIA | 447 | 0.22 | 92.95 | 95 | TRINIDAD & TOBAGO | 114 | 0.06 | 98.86 |
| 46 | BULGARIA | 445 | 0.22 | 93.17 | 96 | AUSTRIA | 113 | 0.06 | 98.92 |
| 47 | ECUADOR | 436 | 0.22 | 93.39 | 97 | SAUDI ARABIA | 113 | 0.06 | 98.98 |
| 48 | AFGHANISTAN | 431 | 0.21 | 93.60 | 98 | SIERRA LEONE | 112 | 0.06 | 99.03 |
| 49 | SOUTH AFRICA | 412 | 0.20 | 93.81 | 99 | GUYANA | 109 | 0.05 | 99.08 |
| 50 | UZBEKISTAN | 404 | 0.20 | 94.01 | 100 | DENMARK | 105 | 0.05 | 99.14 |
| | | | | | | ALL OTHER | 1,741 | 0.86 | 100.00 |
| | | | | | | TOTAL | 201,666 | 100.00 | |

Appendix 3B

Legal Immigrants by Top One Hundred Countries of Birth, California, 1998

| Rank | Country of Birth | Percent of | | | Rank | Country of Birth | Percent of | | |
|------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Number Immigrants | 1998 CA Immigrants | Cumulative Percent | | | Number Immigrants | 1998 CA Immigrants | Cumulative Percent |
| 1 | MEXICO | 61,655 | 36.37 | 36.37 | 51 | SRI LANKA | 309 | 0.18 | 94.74 |
| 2 | PHILIPPINES | 16,199 | 9.55 | 45.92 | 52 | MALAYSIA | 296 | 0.17 | 94.91 |
| 3 | CHINA, PEOPLES' REPUBLIC | 12,582 | 7.42 | 53.34 | 53 | CUBA | 289 | 0.17 | 95.08 |
| 4 | INDIA | 7,177 | 4.23 | 57.57 | 54 | AFGHANISTAN | 278 | 0.16 | 95.24 |
| 5 | VIETNAM | 6,519 | 3.85 | 61.42 | 55 | AUSTRALIA | 274 | 0.16 | 95.41 |
| 6 | EL SALVADOR | 6,310 | 3.72 | 65.14 | 56 | POLAND | 273 | 0.16 | 95.57 |
| 7 | KOREA | 4,465 | 2.63 | 67.78 | 57 | SOMALIA | 266 | 0.16 | 95.72 |
| 8 | TAIWAN | 3,659 | 2.16 | 69.93 | 58 | UNKNOWN | 230 | 0.14 | 95.86 |
| 9 | IRAN | 3,634 | 2.14 | 72.08 | 59 | SWITZERLAND | 211 | 0.12 | 95.98 |
| 10 | GUATEMALA | 3,228 | 1.90 | 73.98 | 60 | CHILE | 200 | 0.12 | 96.10 |
| 11 | HONG KONG | 2,420 | 1.43 | 75.41 | 61 | COSTA RICA | 197 | 0.12 | 96.22 |
| 12 | UNITED KINGDOM | 1,954 | 1.15 | 76.56 | 62 | YUGOSLAVIA | 195 | 0.12 | 96.33 |
| 13 | PAKISTAN | 1,711 | 1.01 | 77.57 | 63 | KENYA | 193 | 0.11 | 96.45 |
| 14 | PERU | 1,685 | 0.99 | 78.56 | 64 | BELIZE | 192 | 0.11 | 96.56 |
| 15 | JAPAN | 1,634 | 0.96 | 79.53 | 65 | HUNGARY | 192 | 0.11 | 96.67 |
| 16 | RUSSIA | 1,420 | 0.84 | 80.37 | 66 | JAMAICA | 186 | 0.11 | 96.78 |
| 17 | THAILAND | 1,417 | 0.84 | 81.20 | 67 | SWEDEN | 186 | 0.11 | 96.89 |
| 18 | CANADA | 1,396 | 0.82 | 82.02 | 68 | NETHERLANDS | 181 | 0.11 | 97.00 |
| 19 | FIJI | 1,391 | 0.82 | 82.84 | 69 | NEW ZEALAND | 181 | 0.11 | 97.11 |
| 20 | UKRAINE | 1,299 | 0.77 | 83.61 | 70 | IRELAND | 175 | 0.10 | 97.21 |
| 21 | HONDURAS | 989 | 0.58 | 84.19 | 71 | GHANA | 174 | 0.10 | 97.31 |
| 22 | GERMANY | 957 | 0.56 | 84.76 | 72 | BOLIVIA | 171 | 0.10 | 97.41 |
| 23 | ARMENIA | 928 | 0.55 | 85.31 | 73 | SPAIN | 164 | 0.10 | 97.51 |
| 24 | NICARAGUA | 881 | 0.52 | 85.83 | 74 | PANAMA | 161 | 0.09 | 97.61 |
| 25 | EGYPT | 865 | 0.51 | 86.34 | 75 | VENEZUELA | 157 | 0.09 | 97.70 |
| 26 | SOVIET UNION | 832 | 0.49 | 86.83 | 76 | BELARUS | 148 | 0.09 | 97.79 |
| 27 | ROMANIA | 824 | 0.49 | 87.31 | 77 | AZERBAIJAN | 138 | 0.08 | 97.87 |
| 28 | LAOS | 799 | 0.47 | 87.78 | 78 | ERITREA | 126 | 0.07 | 97.94 |
| 29 | BURMA | 779 | 0.46 | 88.24 | 79 | MOROCCO | 126 | 0.07 | 98.02 |
| 30 | ETHIOPIA | 700 | 0.41 | 88.66 | 80 | MACAU | 124 | 0.07 | 98.09 |
| 31 | LEBANON | 692 | 0.41 | 89.06 | 81 | SINGAPORE | 124 | 0.07 | 98.16 |
| 32 | FRANCE | 680 | 0.40 | 89.47 | 82 | ALGERIA | 118 | 0.07 | 98.23 |
| 33 | NIGERIA | 652 | 0.38 | 89.85 | 83 | DENMARK | 111 | 0.07 | 98.30 |
| 34 | COLOMBIA | 649 | 0.38 | 90.23 | 84 | PORTUGAL | 110 | 0.06 | 98.36 |
| 35 | BANGLADESH | 613 | 0.36 | 90.59 | 85 | UZBEKISTAN | 108 | 0.06 | 98.43 |
| 36 | SYRIA | 611 | 0.36 | 90.95 | 86 | MOLDOVA | 107 | 0.06 | 98.49 |
| 37 | JORDAN | 585 | 0.35 | 91.30 | 87 | KUWAIT | 106 | 0.06 | 98.55 |
| 38 | BRAZIL | 556 | 0.33 | 91.63 | 88 | SUDAN | 105 | 0.06 | 98.61 |
| 39 | BULGARIA | 535 | 0.32 | 91.94 | 89 | CROATIA | 98 | 0.06 | 98.67 |
| 40 | ISRAEL | 529 | 0.31 | 92.26 | 90 | GEORGIA | 98 | 0.06 | 98.73 |
| 41 | BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA | 485 | 0.29 | 92.54 | 91 | BELGIUM | 94 | 0.06 | 98.78 |
| 42 | SOUTH AFRICA | 484 | 0.29 | 92.83 | 92 | SAUDI ARABIA | 93 | 0.05 | 98.84 |
| 43 | INDONESIA | 481 | 0.28 | 93.11 | 93 | GREECE | 91 | 0.05 | 98.89 |
| 44 | CAMBODIA | 412 | 0.24 | 93.35 | 94 | LITHUANIA | 90 | 0.05 | 98.95 |
| 45 | IRAQ | 375 | 0.22 | 93.58 | 95 | TRINIDAD & TOBAGO | 82 | 0.05 | 98.99 |
| 46 | ECUADOR | 364 | 0.21 | 93.79 | 96 | TONGA | 75 | 0.04 | 99.04 |
| 47 | TURKEY | 343 | 0.20 | 93.99 | 97 | DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | 72 | 0.04 | 99.08 |
| 48 | ARGENTINA | 322 | 0.19 | 94.18 | 98 | GUYANA | 68 | 0.04 | 99.12 |
| 49 | ITALY | 320 | 0.19 | 94.37 | 99 | AUSTRIA | 67 | 0.04 | 99.16 |
| 50 | YEMEN | 310 | 0.18 | 94.55 | 100 | KAZAKHSTAN | 66 | 0.04 | 99.20 |
| | | | | | | ALL OTHER | 1,358 | 0.80 | 100.00 |
| | | | | | TOTAL | | 169,541 | | |

Appendix 4A

Legal Immigration to California Counties: Number, Rate, and Ranks, 1997

| County | Number Immigrants* | Percent of 1997 CA Immigrants | California Population (July 1, 1997)** | Legal | Rank by Number | Rank by Rate |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | | | | Immigration Rate (per 1,000) | | |
| ALAMEDA | 11,206 | 5.56 | 1,398,500 | 8.0 | 5 | 7 |
| ALPINE | 0 | 0.00 | 1,200 | 0.0 | 58 | 58 |
| AMADOR | 30 | 0.01 | 33,450 | 0.9 | 50 | 49 |
| BUTTE | 420 | 0.21 | 198,500 | 2.1 | 31 | 38 |
| CALAVERAS | 19 | 0.01 | 37,950 | 0.5 | 52 | 55 |
| COLUSA | 265 | 0.13 | 18,600 | 14.2 | 38 | 1 |
| CONTRA COSTA | 4,538 | 2.25 | 896,200 | 5.1 | 11 | 23 |
| DEL NORTE | 34 | 0.02 | 28,400 | 1.2 | 48 | 44 |
| EL DORADO | 287 | 0.14 | 147,400 | 1.9 | 34 | 39 |
| FRESNO | 4,638 | 2.30 | 778,700 | 6.0 | 10 | 16 |
| GLENN | 164 | 0.08 | 26,900 | 6.1 | 39 | 15 |
| HUMBOLDT | 117 | 0.06 | 126,100 | 0.9 | 41 | 47 |
| IMPERIAL | 1,673 | 0.83 | 142,700 | 11.7 | 19 | 3 |
| INYO | 27 | 0.01 | 18,300 | 1.5 | 51 | 42 |
| KERN | 2,722 | 1.35 | 634,400 | 4.3 | 16 | 29 |
| KINGS | 615 | 0.30 | 117,700 | 5.2 | 28 | 22 |
| LAKE | 102 | 0.05 | 55,100 | 1.9 | 42 | 40 |
| LASSEN | 36 | 0.02 | 33,850 | 1.1 | 47 | 45 |
| LOS ANGELES | 62,073 | 30.78 | 9,524,600 | 6.5 | 1 | 12 |
| MADERA | 492 | 0.24 | 113,500 | 4.3 | 29 | 27 |
| MARIN | 882 | 0.44 | 243,300 | 3.6 | 26 | 31 |
| MARIPOSA | 12 | 0.01 | 15,950 | 0.8 | 53 | 53 |
| MENDOCINO | 286 | 0.14 | 86,000 | 3.3 | 35 | 32 |
| MERCED | 1,345 | 0.67 | 202,000 | 6.7 | 24 | 11 |
| MODOC | 8 | Z | 10,150 | 0.8 | 55 | 52 |
| MONO | 31 | 0.02 | 10,500 | 3.0 | 49 | 35 |
| MONTEREY | 2,729 | 1.35 | 377,800 | 7.2 | 15 | 9 |
| NAPA | 687 | 0.34 | 121,200 | 5.7 | 27 | 18 |
| NEVADA | 76 | 0.04 | 88,400 | 0.9 | 43 | 51 |
| ORANGE | 21,367 | 10.60 | 2,705,300 | 7.9 | 2 | 8 |
| PLACER | 313 | 0.16 | 215,600 | 1.5 | 33 | 43 |
| PLUMAS | 11 | 0.01 | 20,450 | 0.5 | 54 | 54 |
| RIVERSIDE | 4,245 | 2.10 | 1,423,700 | 3.0 | 12 | 34 |
| SACRAMENTO | 7,191 | 3.57 | 1,146,800 | 6.3 | 7 | 14 |
| SAN BENITO | 266 | 0.13 | 46,150 | 5.8 | 37 | 17 |
| SAN BERNARDINO | 4,761 | 2.36 | 1,617,300 | 2.9 | 9 | 36 |
| SAN DIEGO | 14,598 | 7.24 | 2,763,400 | 5.3 | 4 | 21 |
| SAN FRANCISCO | 9,796 | 4.86 | 777,400 | 12.6 | 6 | 2 |
| SAN JOAQUIN | 2,735 | 1.36 | 542,200 | 5.0 | 14 | 24 |
| SAN LUIS OBISPO | 357 | 0.18 | 234,700 | 1.5 | 32 | 41 |
| SAN MATEO | 6,189 | 3.07 | 711,700 | 8.7 | 8 | 5 |
| SANTA BARBARA | 1,656 | 0.82 | 400,800 | 4.1 | 20 | 30 |

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|---------|-------|------------|------|----|----|
| SANTA CLARA | 17,314 | 8.59 | 1,671,400 | 10.4 | 3 | 4 |
| SANTA CRUZ | 1,400 | 0.69 | 247,200 | 5.7 | 22 | 19 |
| SHASTA | 71 | 0.04 | 163,300 | 0.4 | 44 | 56 |
| SIERRA | 3 | Z | 3,370 | 0.9 | 56 | 50 |
| SISKIYOU | 44 | 0.02 | 44,300 | 1.0 | 46 | 46 |
| SOLANO | 1,635 | 0.81 | 378,600 | 4.3 | 21 | 28 |
| SONOMA | 1,378 | 0.68 | 432,800 | 3.2 | 23 | 33 |
| STANISLAUS | 2,329 | 1.15 | 425,400 | 5.5 | 18 | 20 |
| SUTTER | 480 | 0.24 | 76,100 | 6.3 | 30 | 13 |
| TEHAMA | 136 | 0.07 | 54,700 | 2.5 | 40 | 37 |
| TRINITY | 1 | 0.00 | 13,250 | 0.1 | 57 | 57 |
| TULARE | 2,396 | 1.19 | 358,300 | 6.7 | 17 | 10 |
| TUOLUMNE | 47 | 0.02 | 52,200 | 0.9 | 45 | 48 |
| VENTURA | 3,241 | 1.61 | 727,200 | 4.5 | 13 | 26 |
| YOLO | 1,293 | 0.64 | 154,900 | 8.3 | 25 | 6 |
| YUBA | 273 | 0.14 | 61,200 | 4.5 | 36 | 25 |
| UNKNOWN | 626 | 0.31 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| CALIFORNIA | 201,666 | 99.99 | 32,957,000 | 6.1 | | |

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Note: Sum of county populations may not total to state population because of rounding conventions.
Z denotes less than one hundredth of one percent.

Appendix 4B

Legal Immigration to California Counties: Number, Rate, and Ranks, 1998

| County | Number Immigrants* | Percent of 1998 CA Immigrants | California Population (July 1, 1998)** | Legal Immigration | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | | | | Rate (per 1,000) | Rank by Number | Rank by Rate |
| ALAMEDA | 9,512 | 5.61 | 1,428,300 | 6.7 | 5 | 6 |
| ALPINE | 0 | 0.00 | 1,180 | 0.0 | 58 | 58 |
| AMADOR | 21 | 0.01 | 33,100 | 0.6 | 51 | 50 |
| BUTTE | 291 | 0.17 | 199,700 | 1.5 | 33 | 41 |
| CALAVERAS | 13 | 0.01 | 38,250 | 0.3 | 52 | 55 |
| COLUSA | 212 | 0.13 | 18,650 | 11.4 | 36 | 1 |
| CONTRA COSTA | 3,979 | 2.35 | 916,900 | 4.3 | 11 | 20 |
| DEL NORTE | 33 | 0.02 | 27,800 | 1.2 | 46 | 45 |
| EL DORADO | 196 | 0.12 | 150,200 | 1.3 | 37 | 44 |
| FRESNO | 4,119 | 2.43 | 785,100 | 5.2 | 10 | 11 |
| GLENN | 115 | 0.07 | 26,850 | 4.3 | 39 | 21 |
| HUMBOLDT | 95 | 0.06 | 125,800 | 0.8 | 40 | 47 |
| IMPERIAL | 1,291 | 0.76 | 143,400 | 9.0 | 22 | 3 |
| INYO | 30 | 0.02 | 18,300 | 1.6 | 47 | 39 |
| KERN | 1,986 | 1.17 | 640,100 | 3.1 | 16 | 29 |
| KINGS | 359 | 0.21 | 124,200 | 2.9 | 30 | 34 |
| LAKE | 86 | 0.05 | 55,100 | 1.6 | 42 | 40 |
| LASSEN | 26 | 0.02 | 33,450 | 0.8 | 50 | 46 |
| LOS ANGELES | 59,897 | 35.33 | 9,639,800 | 6.2 | 1 | 7 |
| MADERA | 393 | 0.23 | 114,700 | 3.4 | 29 | 26 |
| MARIN | 728 | 0.43 | 245,000 | 3.0 | 26 | 31 |
| MARIPOSA | 9 | 0.01 | 16,050 | 0.6 | 54 | 53 |
| MENDOCINO | 254 | 0.15 | 86,200 | 2.9 | 34 | 32 |
| MERCED | 1,028 | 0.61 | 204,400 | 5.0 | 24 | 14 |
| MODOC | 7 | Z | 9,825 | 0.7 | 55 | 48 |
| MONO | 29 | 0.02 | 10,600 | 2.7 | 49 | 35 |
| MONTEREY | 2,116 | 1.25 | 384,100 | 5.5 | 14 | 10 |
| NAPA | 595 | 0.35 | 122,600 | 4.9 | 27 | 15 |
| NEVADA | 60 | 0.04 | 90,100 | 0.7 | 45 | 49 |
| ORANGE | 15,378 | 9.07 | 2,763,900 | 5.6 | 2 | 9 |
| PLACER | 320 | 0.19 | 223,100 | 1.4 | 32 | 42 |
| PLUMAS | 12 | 0.01 | 20,400 | 0.6 | 53 | 51 |
| RIVERSIDE | 4,597 | 2.71 | 1,458,500 | 3.2 | 9 | 27 |
| SACRAMENTO | 3,695 | 2.18 | 1,176,200 | 3.1 | 12 | 28 |
| SAN BENITO | 243 | 0.14 | 47,800 | 5.1 | 35 | 12 |
| SAN BERNARDINO | 4,949 | 2.92 | 1,645,800 | 3.0 | 8 | 30 |
| SAN DIEGO | 9,800 | 5.78 | 2,828,300 | 3.5 | 4 | 24 |
| SAN FRANCISCO | 8,399 | 4.95 | 789,500 | 10.6 | 6 | 2 |
| SAN JOAQUIN | 1,890 | 1.11 | 551,500 | 3.4 | 17 | 25 |
| SAN LUIS OBISPO | 341 | 0.20 | 238,100 | 1.4 | 31 | 43 |
| SAN MATEO | 5,410 | 3.19 | 721,400 | 7.5 | 7 | 4 |
| SANTA BARBARA | 1,778 | 1.05 | 405,000 | 4.4 | 18 | 19 |

| County | Number Immigrants* | Percent of 1998 CA Immigrants | California Population (July 1, 1998)** | Legal Immigration Rate (per 1,000) | Rank by Number | Rank by Rate |
|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| SANTA CLARA | 12,640 | 7.46 | 1,701,400 | 7.4 | 3 | 5 |
| SANTA CRUZ | 1,217 | 0.72 | 250,800 | 4.9 | 23 | 16 |
| SHASTA | 65 | 0.04 | 164,800 | 0.4 | 44 | 54 |
| SIERRA | 1 | Z | 3,310 | 0.3 | 56 | 56 |
| SISKIYOU | 74 | 0.04 | 44,100 | 1.7 | 43 | 38 |
| SOLANO | 1,440 | 0.85 | 385,500 | 3.7 | 20 | 23 |
| SONOMA | 1,297 | 0.77 | 440,500 | 2.9 | 21 | 33 |
| STANISLAUS | 2,020 | 1.19 | 431,100 | 4.7 | 15 | 17 |
| SUTTER | 466 | 0.27 | 76,700 | 6.1 | 28 | 8 |
| TEHAMA | 93 | 0.05 | 55,200 | 1.7 | 41 | 37 |
| TRINITY | 1 | Z | 13,200 | 0.1 | 57 | 57 |
| TULARE | 1,649 | 0.97 | 361,400 | 4.6 | 19 | 18 |
| TUOLUMNE | 30 | 0.02 | 52,700 | 0.6 | 48 | 52 |
| VENTURA | 3,113 | 1.84 | 738,200 | 4.2 | 13 | 22 |
| YOLO | 790 | 0.47 | 156,000 | 5.1 | 25 | 13 |
| YUBA | 143 | 0.08 | 60,300 | 2.4 | 38 | 36 |
| UNKNOWN | 210 | 0.12 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| CALIFORNIA | 169,541 | 99.99 | 33,494,000 | 5.1 | | |

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Appendix 5

Top Ten Countries of Birth with Flow to Top Ten Counties,
Legal Immigrants to California, 1997-1998

| Rank | Destination | Number | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---|----------------|--------|---------|-----------------------|
| MEXICO (COUNTRY OF BIRTH RANK 1, TOTAL= 128,721) | | | | |
| 1 | Los Angeles | 36,226 | 28.1 | 28.1 |
| 2 | Orange | 12,576 | 9.8 | 37.9 |
| 3 | San Diego | 9,805 | 7.6 | 45.5 |
| 4 | Riverside | 6,000 | 4.7 | 50.2 |
| 5 | Fresno | 5,335 | 4.1 | 54.3 |
| 6 | San Bernardino | 4,685 | 3.6 | 58.0 |
| 7 | Ventura | 3,851 | 3.0 | 61.0 |
| 8 | Alameda | 3,845 | 3.0 | 64.0 |
| 9 | Santa Clara | 3,771 | 2.9 | 66.9 |
| 10 | Monterey | 3,674 | 2.9 | 69.7 |

PHILIPPINES (COUNTRY OF BIRTH RANK 2, TOTAL= 38,009)

| | | | | |
|----|----------------|--------|------|------|
| 1 | Los Angeles | 11,573 | 30.5 | 30.5 |
| 2 | San Diego | 4,634 | 12.2 | 42.6 |
| 3 | Santa Clara | 3,386 | 8.9 | 51.6 |
| 4 | Alameda | 2,923 | 7.7 | 59.2 |
| 5 | San Mateo | 2,460 | 6.5 | 65.7 |
| 6 | Orange | 2,102 | 5.5 | 71.2 |
| 7 | San Francisco | 2,060 | 5.4 | 76.7 |
| 8 | Contra Costa | 1,283 | 3.4 | 80.0 |
| 9 | Solano | 1,261 | 3.3 | 83.4 |
| 10 | San Bernardino | 917 | 2.4 | 85.8 |

CHINA, PEOPLES' REPUBLIC (COUNTRY OF BIRTH RANK 3, TOTAL= 25,640)

| | | | | |
|----|----------------|-------|------|------|
| 1 | Los Angeles | 8,356 | 32.6 | 32.6 |
| 2 | San Francisco | 5,772 | 22.5 | 55.1 |
| 3 | Alameda | 3,045 | 11.9 | 67.0 |
| 4 | Santa Clara | 2,716 | 10.6 | 77.6 |
| 5 | Orange | 1,236 | 4.8 | 82.4 |
| 6 | San Diego | 1,031 | 4.0 | 86.4 |
| 7 | San Mateo | 943 | 3.7 | 90.1 |
| 8 | Contra Costa | 558 | 2.2 | 92.3 |
| 9 | Sacramento | 479 | 1.9 | 94.1 |
| 10 | San Bernardino | 230 | 0.9 | 95.0 |

VIETNAM (COUNTRY OF BIRTH RANK 4, TOTAL= 22,216)**TOP TEN COUNTIES**

| | | | |
|------------------|-------|------|------|
| 1 Orange | 7,668 | 34.5 | 34.5 |
| 2 Santa Clara | 5,352 | 24.1 | 58.6 |
| 3 Los Angeles | 3,545 | 16.0 | 74.6 |
| 4 San Diego | 1,196 | 5.4 | 80.0 |
| 5 Alameda | 1,167 | 5.3 | 85.2 |
| 6 Sacramento | 796 | 3.6 | 88.8 |
| 7 San Francisco | 715 | 3.2 | 92.0 |
| 8 San Bernardino | 417 | 1.9 | 93.9 |
| 9 Contra Costa | 216 | 1.0 | 94.9 |
| 10 Riverside | 163 | 0.7 | 95.6 |

INDIA (COUNTRY OF BIRTH RANK 5, TOTAL= 15,161)

| | | | |
|----------------|-------|------|------|
| 1 Santa Clara | 3,312 | 21.9 | 21.9 |
| 2 Los Angeles | 2,549 | 16.8 | 38.7 |
| 3 Alameda | 1,987 | 13.1 | 51.8 |
| 4 Orange | 1,302 | 8.6 | 60.4 |
| 5 Fresno | 650 | 4.3 | 64.6 |
| 6 Sacramento | 649 | 4.3 | 68.9 |
| 7 Contra Costa | 633 | 4.2 | 73.1 |
| 8 Sutter | 455 | 3.0 | 76.1 |
| 9 San Mateo | 400 | 2.6 | 78.7 |
| 10 Stanislaus | 334 | 2.2 | 80.9 |

EL SALVADOR (COUNTRY OF BIRTH RANK 6, TOTAL= 13,621)

| | | | |
|------------------|-------|------|------|
| 1 Los Angeles | 9,011 | 66.2 | 66.2 |
| 2 San Francisco | 797 | 5.9 | 72.0 |
| 3 San Mateo | 641 | 4.7 | 76.7 |
| 4 Orange | 636 | 4.7 | 81.4 |
| 5 Contra Costa | 361 | 2.7 | 84.0 |
| 6 Alameda | 327 | 2.4 | 86.4 |
| 7 San Bernardino | 312 | 2.3 | 88.7 |
| 8 Santa Clara | 260 | 1.9 | 90.6 |
| 9 Riverside | 183 | 1.3 | 92.0 |
| 10 Fresno | 141 | 1.0 | 93.0 |

KOREA (COUNTRY OF BIRTH RANK 7, TOTAL= 8,480)

| | | | |
|------------------|-------|------|------|
| 1 Los Angeles | 4,794 | 56.5 | 56.5 |
| 2 Orange | 1,448 | 17.1 | 73.6 |
| 3 Santa Clara | 580 | 6.8 | 80.5 |
| 4 San Diego | 243 | 2.9 | 83.3 |
| 5 Alameda | 239 | 2.8 | 86.1 |
| 6 San Francisco | 161 | 1.9 | 88.0 |
| 7 San Mateo | 130 | 1.5 | 89.6 |
| 8 Sacramento | 126 | 1.5 | 91.1 |
| 9 San Bernardino | 126 | 1.5 | 92.5 |
| 10 Ventura | 91 | 1.1 | 93.6 |

IRAN (COUNTRY OF BIRTH RANK 8, TOTAL= 8,412)

| | | | |
|------------------|-------|------|------|
| 1 Los Angeles | 4,268 | 50.7 | 50.7 |
| 2 Orange | 1,126 | 13.4 | 64.1 |
| 3 Santa Clara | 861 | 10.2 | 74.4 |
| 4 San Diego | 450 | 5.4 | 79.7 |
| 5 Contra Costa | 285 | 3.4 | 83.1 |
| 6 Alameda | 269 | 3.2 | 86.3 |
| 7 Sacramento | 180 | 2.1 | 88.4 |
| 8 San Mateo | 172 | 2.0 | 90.5 |
| 9 San Bernardino | 112 | 1.3 | 91.8 |
| 10 San Francisco | 110 | 1.3 | 93.1 |

TAIWAN (COUNTRY OF BIRTH RANK 9, TOTAL= 7,097)

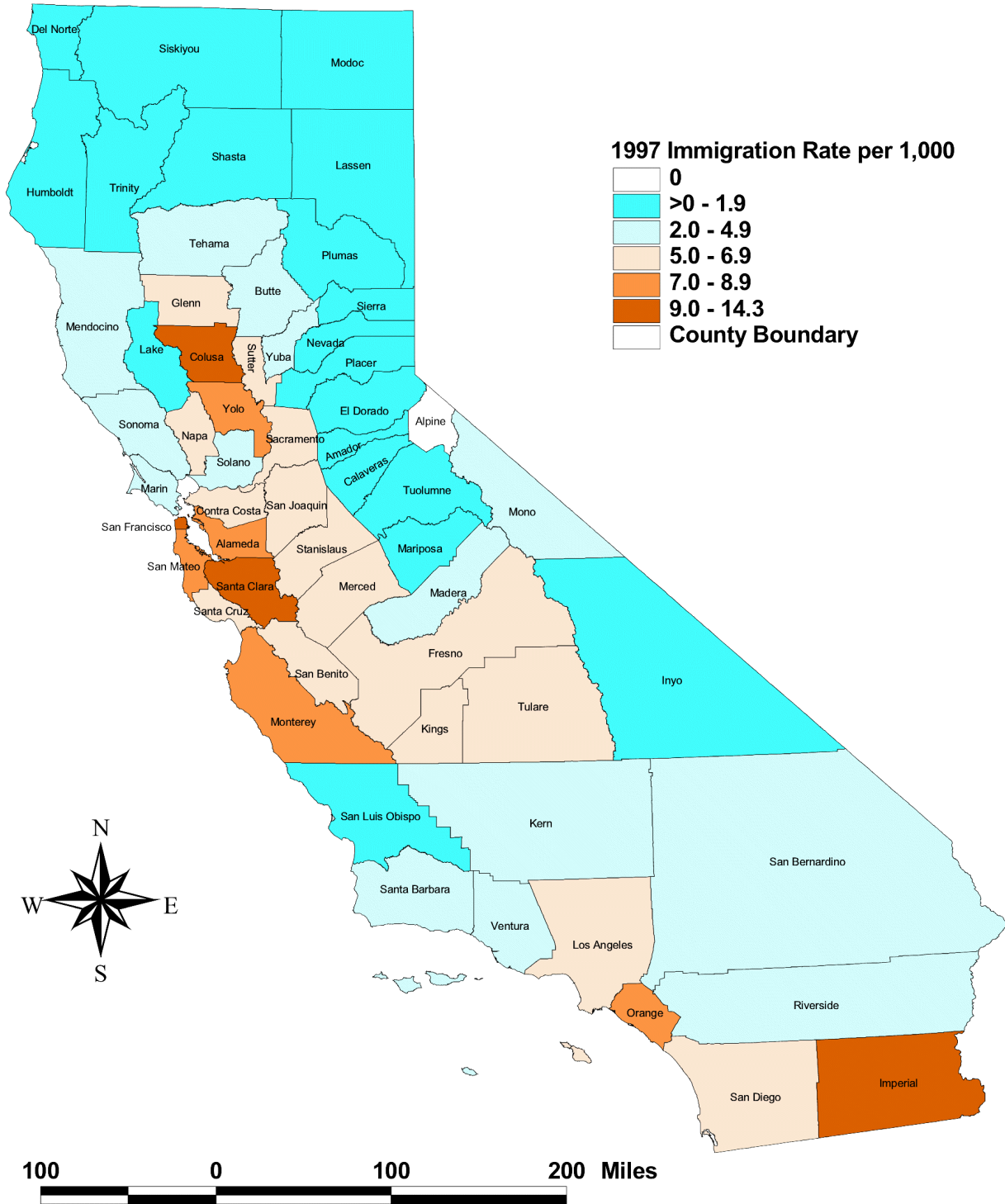
| | | | |
|------------------|-------|------|------|
| 1 Los Angeles | 3,099 | 43.7 | 43.7 |
| 2 Santa Clara | 1,364 | 19.2 | 62.9 |
| 3 Orange | 705 | 9.9 | 72.8 |
| 4 Alameda | 585 | 8.2 | 81.1 |
| 5 San Mateo | 266 | 3.8 | 84.8 |
| 6 San Diego | 250 | 3.5 | 88.3 |
| 7 San Francisco | 197 | 2.8 | 91.1 |
| 8 Contra Costa | 152 | 2.1 | 93.3 |
| 9 San Bernardino | 140 | 2.0 | 95.2 |
| 10 Ventura | 62 | 0.9 | 96.1 |

GUATEMALA (COUNTRY OF BIRTH RANK 10, TOTAL= 6,351)

| | | | |
|------------------|-------|------|------|
| 1 Los Angeles | 4,326 | 68.1 | 68.1 |
| 2 Orange | 417 | 6.6 | 74.7 |
| 3 San Francisco | 226 | 3.6 | 78.2 |
| 4 San Mateo | 200 | 3.2 | 81.4 |
| 5 San Bernardino | 165 | 2.6 | 84.0 |
| 6 Alameda | 163 | 2.6 | 86.6 |
| 7 Riverside | 135 | 2.1 | 88.7 |
| 8 Marin | 99 | 1.6 | 90.2 |
| 9 San Diego | 88 | 1.4 | 91.6 |
| 10 Contra Costa | 83 | 1.3 | 92.9 |

Map 2

Legal Immigration to California, 1997 Rate per 1,000 Persons by County



Map 3

Legal Immigration to California, 1998 Rate per 1,000 Persons by County

