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**Immigration Mapping Analysis**

# Links to these maps are available on today’s wiksipace entry.

# Map 1: Where Each State's Largest Immigrant Population Was Born

# This interactive map uses data from the census (the collection of information about the population in the U.S. that takes place every ten years) to describe the national origin of the largest group of foreign-born residents in the state that year. It a given country is named, it doesn’t necessarily mean that it was the largest source of immigrants *in that year*, but rather that people from that country were larger than any other national origin group in the states’ population. Use the data on this map, adjusting the slider bar to change the year, to answer the following questions.

# From what two countries did most of America’s immigrants come in 1850?

# Which year’s census data was destroyed in a fire, giving us no data for that year?

# Which is the first year in which Germany and Ireland were not the two biggest sources of immigrant population in the U.S.?

# In what year did Mexico become the largest source of immigrants for more than half of the states in the U.S.?

# Which census year had the highest percentage of foreign-born residents in the U.S.?

# Which census year had the lowest percentage of foreign-born residents in the U.S.?

# In what year did Canada become the largest source of Maine’s immigrants?

# In how many different census years has Canada been Maine’s largest source of immigrants?

# According to the most recent data in this map, which five countries currently make up the largest sources of America’s foreign-born residents?

# Map 2: Where Maine’s Refugees Come From

# Maine has a much lower percentage (3.4%) of foreign-born residents than the national average (13.5%). For this reason, sub-sections of our immigrant population, like refugees, become more magnified than in other states. Use the data from this map and table to answer the following questions.

# Which two countries have been the biggest sources of refugees arriving in Maine for the past fifteen years?

# Which year saw the most new refugees arriving in Maine?

# From which continent has the majority of Maine’s refugees come from over the past fifteen years?

**Reflection Questions**

1. What data from these maps surprised you the most?
2. What questions do you have on the issues raised by the data in these maps?