

IMMIGRATION QUIZ

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Question #1 True or False. Most immigrants come into the United States illegally.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

Answer – False. According to the 2011 data from PEW Research, 11.1 million of a total 40.4 million immigrants were unauthorized in the United States.

Question #2 What two countries had the highest net migration* rate in 2012? [* The number of people coming into a country, less the number of people who leave, and dividing by 1,000]

- ☐ Italy & Switzerland
- ☐ Libya & Qatar
- ☐ Hong Kong & Macau
- ☐ Slovenia & Slovakia
- ☐ United States & Canada

Answer- Libya & Qatar. The USA ranked 29th, with a net migration rank of 3.64. by comparison, Libya and Qatar were 1st and 2nd with 33.32 and 33.21 positive net migration, respectively. [source: CIA.gov]

Question #3 Which one of these famous personalities was born in the United States?



- ☐ Mila Kunis
- ☐ Dave Matthews
- ☐ Selena Gomez
- ☐ Jim Carrey

Answer- Selena Gomez. Selena was born in Grand Prairie, Texas. Mila Kunis was born in Ukraine, and family moved to America (Los Angeles) when she was 7. Jim Carrey: the rubber-faced-and-bodied comic actor was born in Ontario, Canada and didn't become a US citizen until 2004. Dave Matthews: Born in South Africa.

Question #4: California's Foreign- Born Population: The top three countries of birth are Mexico first, and then which two countries?*

- ☐ Columbia and Panama
- ☐ Philippines and China
- ☐ Canada and Guatemala
- ☐ El Salvador and Ecuador

Answer- Philippines and China [*Adapted from original question to reflect the California context. Source: American Immigration Council-US Census]

Question #5: What percentage of undocumented immigrants cross the *southern* border of the U.S., vs. coming through other places?

- ☐ 12%
- ☐ 28%
- ☐ 40%
- ☐ 60%

Answer- 40%. About four out of ten undocumented immigrants cross at the U.S.- Mexico border, but 85 percent of border enforcement is concentrated there. Most Mexican nationals in the United States are migrants who take seasonal jobs and then return to their families in Mexico.

Approximately 40% of all undocumented immigrants enter the country legally as students, tourists, on business, or on some other temporary visa and then overstay their visas. Most arrive on commercial carriers or come across the Canadian border.

Question #6: Foreign-born by State: As of 2010, the 5 states with the most foreign-born residents are California, New York, Texas, Florida, and _____?

- ☐ Washington
- ☐ New Jersey
- ☐ Maryland
- ☐ Arizona

Answer- New Jersey. The Garden State ranked fifth with 4.6 percent of its population foreign-born.

Question #7: What percentage of the world's immigrants come to the United States?

- ☐ More than 35%
- ☐ 22%
- ☐ 15%

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- Less than one %

Answer- Less than one %. Of the 175 million migrants in the world, the U.S. admitted 1,063,732 documented immigrants in 2002. Undocumented immigration adds approximately 350,000 people per year by INS estimates.

Question #8: True or False: In the U.S., the percentage of immigrants and native-born adults who hold a college degree is roughly the same.

- True
- False

Answer- True. In 2010, there were 33.6 million immigrants ages 25 and older. Of those, 27% had a bachelor's degree or higher. Among the 170.7 million native-born adults ages 25 and older, more than 28% had a bachelor's degree or higher.

Question #9: How many different languages are estimated spoken in the United States?

- 230
- 110
- 460
- 57

Answer- 460 languages are spoken in the United States. Children attending New York City public schools alone speak a total of 150 languages. (Via APA Presidential Task Force on Immigration).