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**Immigrant America:
Some Patterns, Puzzles and Paradoxes**

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Table 1.
The First and Second Generations of the United States, 2000, by Principal National Origins and Location in California

| National Origin | First Generation (Foreign-born) | | Second Generation ^a (US-born) | | Total ^a (1st + 2nd Generations) | | % Foreign-born living in California |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---|--------------------|---|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| | N | Median Age (years) | N | Median Age (years) | N | % Foreign-born | |
| Total | 34,492,453 | 37 | 29,214,887 | 23 | 63,707,340 | 54.1 | 26.7 |
| <u>Latin America, Caribbean:</u> | | | | | | | |
| Mexico | 9,325,452 | 31 | 7,964,859 | 12 | 17,290,311 | 53.9 | 42.6 |
| El Salvador, Guatemala | 1,311,120 | 32 | 644,328 | 10 | 1,955,448 | 67.0 | 43.9 |
| Puerto Rico ^b | 1,437,006 | 41 | 1,515,076 | 21 | 2,952,082 | 48.7 | 3.1 |
| Cuba | 883,439 | 49 | 414,829 | 16 | 1,298,268 | 68.0 | 4.8 |
| Dominican Republic | 698,106 | 36 | 465,282 | 10 | 1,163,388 | 60.0 | 0.8 |
| Colombia, Ecuador, Peru | 1,107,251 | 37 | 533,298 | 11 | 1,640,549 | 67.5 | 10.5 |
| Jamaica, Other West Indies | 989,955 | 39 | 571,233 | 13 | 1,561,188 | 63.4 | 2.5 |
| Haiti | 429,848 | 39 | 219,789 | 11 | 649,637 | 66.2 | 0.9 |
| Other Latin America | 1,686,689 | 36 | 850,306 | 11 | 2,536,995 | 66.5 | 15.5 |
| <u>East and South Asia:</u> | | | | | | | |
| Philippines | 1,455,328 | 41 | 850,795 | 13 | 2,306,123 | 63.1 | 47.7 |
| Chinese ^c | 1,554,495 | 40 | 658,591 | 16 | 2,213,086 | 70.2 | 37.5 |
| India | 1,036,600 | 35 | 347,506 | 11 | 1,384,106 | 74.9 | 19.5 |
| Korea | 907,457 | 37 | 325,581 | 12 | 1,233,038 | 73.6 | 30.6 |
| Vietnam | 1,004,401 | 36 | 344,256 | 9 | 1,348,657 | 74.5 | 42.4 |
| Laos, Cambodia | 346,865 | 36 | 285,799 | 9 | 632,664 | 54.8 | 36.4 |
| <u>Europe and Canada:</u> | | | | | | | |
| Canada, Great Britain | 1,645,829 | 45 | 2,771,631 | 48 | 4,417,460 | 37.3 | 17.6 |
| Other Europe | 3,744,008 | 45 | 7,464,105 | 61 | 11,208,113 | 33.4 | 11.6 |
| Elsewhere in world | 4,928,604 | 39 | 2,987,624 | 15 | 7,916,228 | 62.3 | 21.1 |

Source: 2000 U.S. Census, 5% PUMS; and merged Current Population Survey (CPS) annual demographic files (March), 1998 through 2002.

^a Second-generation estimates are calculated from CPS parental nativity data, adjusting for 2000 census population counts. Figures include all foreign-born persons (first generation) and all U.S.-born persons with at least one foreign-born parent (second generation).

^b Island-born Puerto Ricans, who are U.S. citizens by birth and not immigrants, are classified as "first generation" for purposes of this table, and mainland-born Puerto Ricans with island-born parents are classified as "second generation."

^c Including Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Table 2.
The Foreign-Born Population of the United States, 2000, by National Origin and Decade and Age at Arrival (in percents)

| Country of Birth | N | Decade of arrival in the United States | | | Age at arrival in the United States | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|--|-------|----------|-------------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| | | 1990s | 1980s | Pre-1980 | 0-12 | 13-34 | 35 and older |
| Total | 34,492,453 | 41.8 | 26.8 | 31.4 | 26.8 | 57.7 | 15.5 |
| <u>Latin America, Caribbean:</u> | | | | | | | |
| Mexico | 9,325,452 | 48.6 | 28.0 | 23.4 | 26.3 | 64.9 | 8.8 |
| El Salvador, Guatemala | 1,311,120 | 43.8 | 41.3 | 14.9 | 19.5 | 70.1 | 10.4 |
| Puerto Rico ^a | 1,437,006 | 28.1 | 21.4 | 50.4 | 38.2 | 51.1 | 10.7 |
| Cuba | 883,439 | 26.6 | 19.6 | 53.8 | 24.1 | 44.5 | 31.4 |
| Dominican Republic | 698,106 | 42.7 | 32.2 | 25.1 | 24.6 | 58.6 | 16.8 |
| Colombia, Ecuador, Peru | 1,107,251 | 45.9 | 28.4 | 25.6 | 21.2 | 60.0 | 18.9 |
| Jamaica, Other West Indies | 989,955 | 32.8 | 35.7 | 31.6 | 23.5 | 56.0 | 20.5 |
| Haiti | 429,848 | 39.7 | 36.1 | 24.2 | 20.2 | 61.4 | 18.4 |
| Other Latin America | 1,686,689 | 43.3 | 30.0 | 26.6 | 26.0 | 59.1 | 14.9 |
| <u>East and South Asia:</u> | | | | | | | |
| Philippines | 1,455,328 | 35.4 | 32.9 | 31.7 | 22.0 | 55.0 | 22.9 |
| Chinese ^b | 1,554,495 | 44.1 | 31.5 | 24.4 | 18.2 | 56.0 | 25.7 |
| India | 1,036,600 | 54.9 | 25.9 | 19.2 | 15.3 | 67.2 | 17.5 |
| Korea | 907,457 | 37.4 | 33.6 | 28.9 | 29.2 | 50.5 | 20.3 |
| Vietnam | 1,004,401 | 44.7 | 33.3 | 22.0 | 24.4 | 52.8 | 22.8 |
| Laos, Cambodia | 346,865 | 19.2 | 63.3 | 17.6 | 29.4 | 53.1 | 17.5 |
| <u>Europe and Canada:</u> | | | | | | | |
| Canada, Great Britain | 1,645,829 | 29.0 | 15.0 | 55.9 | 38.6 | 47.4 | 14.0 |
| Other Europe | 3,744,008 | 31.6 | 14.2 | 54.2 | 36.7 | 46.8 | 16.5 |
| Elsewhere in world | 4,928,604 | 46.9 | 21.1 | 32.0 | 27.7 | 56.6 | 15.8 |

Source: 2000 U.S. Census, 5% PUMS.

^a Island-born Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens by birth and not immigrants; the data indicate the time of their move from the island to the U.S. mainland.

^b Including Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Table 3.
Indicators of Immigrant Cultural, Economic and Legal Integration: English Fluency, Poverty Status, Homeownership, and Citizenship of Foreign-born Adults 25-64 by Decade of Arrival in the United States, 2000 (in percents)

| National Origin | Percent English fluent ^c | | Percent in poverty | | Percent homeowners | | Percent U.S. Citizen | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|
| | 1990s | 1980s | 1990s | 1980s | 1990s | 1980s | 1990s | 1980s |
| Total | 59.3 | 70.0 | 22.4 | 17.3 | 34.0 | 53.6 | 15.9 | 47.0 |
| <u>Latin America, Caribbean:</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Mexico | 31.9 | 49.0 | 31.8 | 26.3 | 29.1 | 29.1 | 7.1 | 25.7 |
| El Salvador, Guatemala | 36.3 | 58.0 | 24.9 | 19.4 | 22.9 | 39.4 | 7.4 | 29.0 |
| Puerto Rico ^a | 69.0 | 77.4 | 33.2 | 28.5 | 32.1 | 40.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Cuba | 35.1 | 57.6 | 22.0 | 20.0 | 43.2 | 60.8 | 12.4 | 49.8 |
| Dominican Republic | 37.8 | 54.4 | 29.7 | 27.3 | 16.7 | 22.7 | 15.2 | 41.8 |
| Colombia, Ecuador, Peru | 48.0 | 70.1 | 21.8 | 14.3 | 29.4 | 45.9 | 10.5 | 47.2 |
| Jamaica, Other West Indies | 99.0 | 99.6 | 15.7 | 11.7 | 45.7 | 58.7 | 25.0 | 60.1 |
| Haiti | 64.6 | 82.3 | 25.2 | 18.7 | 32.5 | 47.8 | 18.1 | 55.1 |
| Other Latin America | 61.8 | 79.2 | 22.2 | 14.6 | 28.2 | 46.2 | 10.2 | 41.0 |
| <u>East and South Asia:</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Philippines | 91.9 | 95.8 | 8.0 | 5.3 | 53.8 | 68.6 | 26.4 | 72.4 |
| Chinese ^b | 64.2 | 69.9 | 18.7 | 9.5 | 42.5 | 75.5 | 15.8 | 69.4 |
| India | 90.0 | 93.4 | 9.8 | 5.8 | 29.4 | 70.4 | 10.8 | 60.6 |
| Korea | 53.2 | 67.2 | 26.2 | 9.4 | 26.0 | 54.6 | 11.9 | 54.0 |
| Vietnam | 43.4 | 68.1 | 16.3 | 14.0 | 49.3 | 64.3 | 35.4 | 78.6 |
| Laos, Cambodia | 43.0 | 59.9 | 35.3 | 22.6 | 40.3 | 54.5 | 21.2 | 54.0 |
| <u>Europe and Canada:</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Canada, Great Britain | 99.1 | 99.2 | 7.4 | 6.0 | 55.2 | 72.6 | 8.0 | 30.3 |
| Other Europe | 75.4 | 86.8 | 14.9 | 7.6 | 41.5 | 67.7 | 21.0 | 53.1 |
| Elsewhere in world | 80.7 | 91.9 | 20.3 | 11.8 | 30.6 | 57.2 | 16.0 | 56.2 |

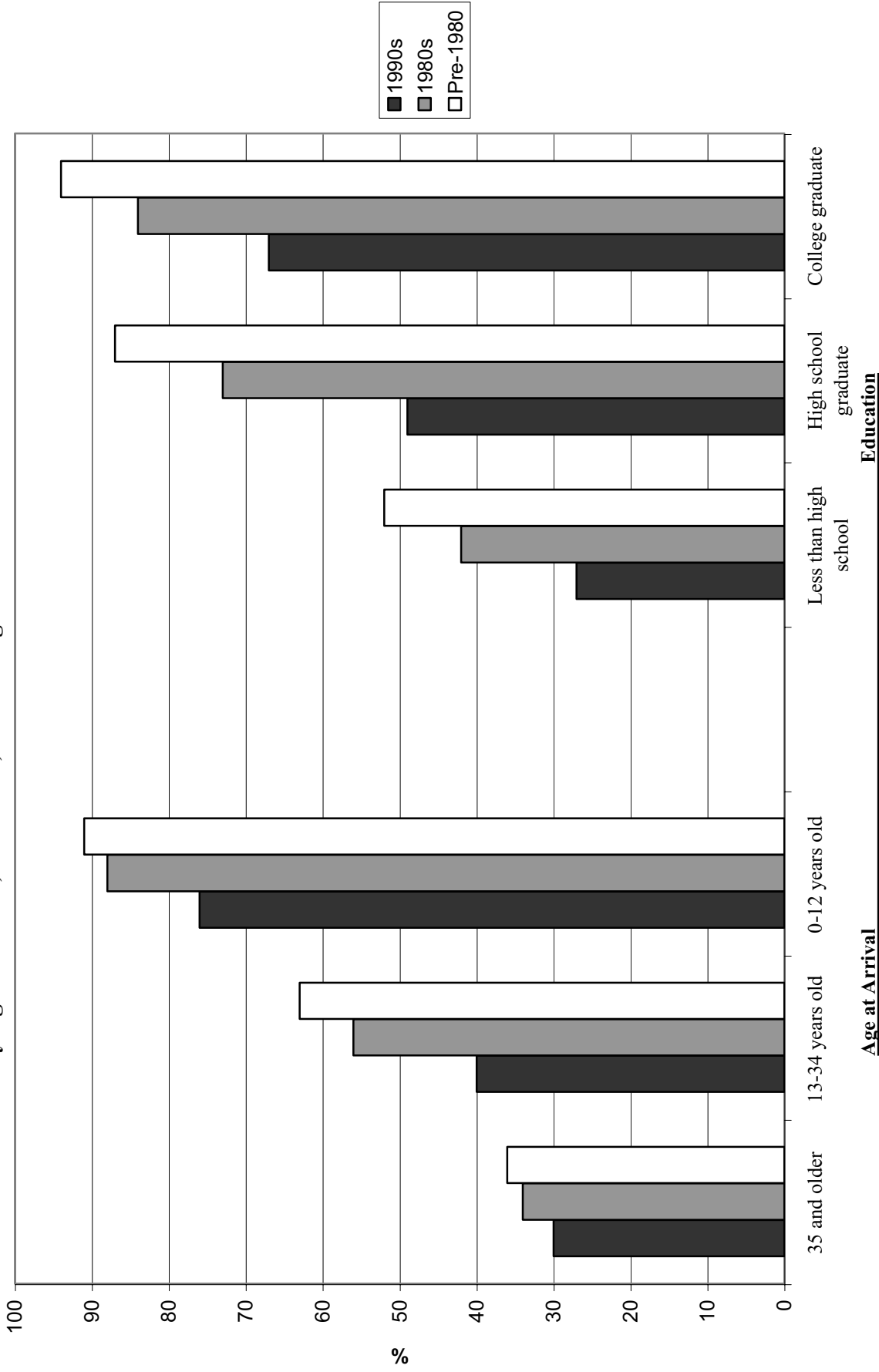
Source: 2000 U.S. Census, 5% PUMS.

^a Island-born Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens by birth and not immigrants; the data are broken down by the decade of their move from the island to the U.S. mainland.

^b Including Hong Kong and Taiwan.

^c English fluency defined as speaking English only, or well or very well.

Figure 3.
English Fluency* of Foreign-born Hispanics in the United States, 2000,
by Age of Arrival, Education, and Length of Residence in the U.S.**



Source: 2000 U.S. Census, 5% PUMS.

Legend: Length of residence in the U.S. grouped by decade of arrival (1990s, 1980s, before 1980).

* English Fluency = Persons 5 years or older who speak English only, or well or very well.

** Highest level of education completed for persons 25 years or older.

Table 4.
Educational and Occupational Attainment among 25 to 39 Year Olds, 2000:
Percent of College Graduates and High School Dropouts, and of Workers in High-Status Occupations and Low-Wage Labor,
by Foreign-born (Who Arrived in U.S. as Children) vs. U.S.-born, in Rank Order by Ethnicity

| Ethnicity (self-reported) | Education by nativity (%): | | | | Occupation by nativity (%): | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| | Foreign-born ^a | | U.S.-born | | Foreign-born ^a | | U.S.-born | |
| | College graduate | High school dropout | College graduate | High school dropout | Professional, Technical ^b labor ^c | Low-wage labor ^c | Professional, Technical ^b labor ^c | Low-wage labor ^c |
| Total: | 23.2 | 31.4 | 27.3 | 11.6 | 36.4 | 37.8 | 41.9 | 29.0 |
| <u>Latin American:</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Colombian, Peruvian, Ecuadorian | 23.4 | 16.6 | 38.1 | 7.9 | 40.8 | 28.3 | 52.2 | 17.9 |
| Cuban | 22.9 | 16.9 | 36.7 | 9.1 | 47.7 | 20.8 | 52.6 | 17.5 |
| Dominican | 12.4 | 32.6 | 22.1 | 16.8 | 28.7 | 40.7 | 41.7 | 24.8 |
| Puerto Rican ^d | 11.2 | 35.3 | 13.6 | 23.2 | 29.9 | 39.6 | 34.4 | 31.5 |
| Salvadoran, Guatemalan | 6.4 | 53.1 | 23.8 | 22.5 | 20.0 | 52.7 | 38.8 | 28.6 |
| Mexican | 4.3 | 61.4 | 13.0 | 24.1 | 14.7 | 61.9 | 31.9 | 34.6 |
| <u>Asian:</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Chinese ^e | 58.0 | 9.0 | 72.5 | 3.6 | 63.2 | 14.9 | 72.8 | 9.0 |
| Indian | 59.4 | 6.7 | 72.0 | 5.9 | 68.1 | 12.9 | 73.0 | 10.3 |
| Korean | 59.6 | 3.2 | 69.4 | 3.2 | 65.7 | 10.6 | 71.7 | 10.1 |
| Filipino | 34.4 | 6.2 | 42.6 | 5.9 | 51.3 | 20.5 | 53.7 | 18.0 |
| Vietnamese | 41.7 | 13.6 | † | † | 51.5 | 27.8 | † | † |
| Lao, Hmong, Cambodian | 15.1 | 26.3 | † | † | 28.4 | 45.9 | † | † |
| <u>Other:</u> | | | | | | | | |
| White, non-Hispanic | 38.8 | 8.7 | 30.7 | 9.1 | 52.8 | 20.4 | 44.9 | 26.5 |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 28.9 | 11.5 | 14.1 | 19.3 | 43.4 | 26.8 | 28.7 | 40.9 |

Source: 2000 U.S. Census, 5% PUMS.

^a Data are estimates for adults ages 25 to 39 at the 2000 census; the foreign-born are restricted to those who arrived in the U.S. as children under 18.

^b Professional, managerial, and technical occupations with Duncan SEI (socioeconomic index) scores > 50.

^c Low-wage jobs with Duncan SEI (socioeconomic index) scores < 25.

^d Island-born Puerto Ricans are classified as "foreign born" for purposes of this table, and mainland-born Puerto Ricans as "U.S.-born."

^e Including Hong Kong and Taiwan.

† Too few cases for reliable estimates.

Table 5.
Percent of Males 18 to 39 Years Old Incarcerated in the United States, 2000,
by Nativity and Level of Education, in Rank Order by Ethnicity

| Ethnicity (self-reported) | Males, ages 18-39: | | Percent incarcerated, by nativity and by education: | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---|------------|-----------------------|------------|
| | Total in U.S. | Percent incarcerated | Nativity: | | High school graduate? | |
| | N | % | Foreign-born | U.S.-born | No | Yes |
| Total: | 45,200,417 | 3.04 | 0.86 | 3.51 | 6.91 | 2.00 |
| <u>Latin American Ethnicities:</u> | | | | | | |
| Salvadoran, Guatemalan | 433,828 | 0.68 | 0.52 | 3.01 | 0.71 | 0.62 |
| Colombian, Ecuadorian, Peruvian | 283,599 | 1.07 | 0.80 | 2.37 | 2.12 | 0.74 |
| Mexican | 5,017,431 | 2.71 | 0.70 | 5.90 | 2.84 | 2.55 |
| Dominican | 182,303 | 2.76 | 2.51 | 3.71 | 4.62 | 1.39 |
| Cuban | 213,302 | 3.01 | 2.22 | 4.20 | 5.22 | 2.29 |
| Puerto Rican ^a | 642,106 | 5.06 | 4.55 | 5.37 | 10.48 | 2.41 |
| <u>Asian Ethnicities:</u> | | | | | | |
| Indian | 393,621 | 0.22 | 0.11 | 0.99 | 1.20 | 0.14 |
| Chinese, Taiwanese | 439,086 | 0.28 | 0.18 | 0.65 | 1.35 | 0.14 |
| Korean | 184,238 | 0.38 | 0.26 | 0.93 | 0.93 | 0.34 |
| Filipino | 297,011 | 0.64 | 0.38 | 1.22 | 2.71 | 0.41 |
| Vietnamese | 229,735 | 0.89 | 0.46 | 5.60 | 1.88 | 0.55 |
| Lao, Hmong, Cambodian | 89,864 | 1.65 | 0.92 | 7.26 | 2.80 | 1.04 |
| <u>Other:</u> | | | | | | |
| White, non-Hispanic | 29,014,261 | 1.66 | 0.57 | 1.71 | 4.64 | 1.20 |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 5,453,546 | 10.87 | 2.47 | 11.61 | 21.33 | 7.09 |
| Two or more race groups, other | 1,272,742 | 3.09 | 0.72 | 3.85 | 6.24 | 2.24 |
| N = | | | 8,079,819 | 37,120,598 | 9,514,761 | 35,685,656 |

Source: 2000 U.S. Census, 5% PUMS. Data are estimates for adult males, ages 18 to 39, in correctional institutions at the time of the census.

^a Island-born Puerto Ricans, who are U.S. citizens by birth and not immigrants, are classified as "foreign born" for purposes of this table; mainland-born Puerto Ricans are here classified under "U.S.-born."

Table 6.
Percent of U.S.-born and Foreign-born Males 18-39 Incarcerated in the United States, 2000,
by Completion of a High School Education, in Rank Order by Ethnicity

| Ethnicity (self-reported) | Males, ages 18-39: | | Percent incarcerated, by education by nativity: | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|------------|
| | Total in U.S. | Percent incarcerated | If foreign-born: | | If U.S.-born: | | |
| | N | % | High School Graduate? | No | Yes | High School Graduate? | |
| Total : | 45,200,417 | 3.04 | | 1.31 | 0.57 | 9.76 | 2.23 |
| <u>Latin American Ethnicities:</u> | | | | | | | |
| Salvadoran, Guatemalan | 433,828 | 0.68 | 0.58 | 0.43 | | 4.70 | 2.16 |
| Colombian, Ecuadorian, Peruvian | 283,599 | 1.07 | 1.54 | 0.54 | | 7.01 | 1.58 |
| Mexican | 5,017,431 | 2.71 | 0.70 | 0.70 | | 10.12 | 3.95 |
| Dominican | 182,303 | 2.76 | 3.99 | 1.24 | | 8.67 | 1.82 |
| Cuban | 213,302 | 3.01 | 3.18 | 1.78 | | 11.32 | 2.90 |
| Puerto Rican ^a | 642,106 | 5.06 | 9.01 | 1.96 | | 11.54 | 2.66 |
| <u>Asian Ethnicities:</u> | | | | | | | |
| Indian | 393,621 | 0.22 | 0.29 | 0.09 | | 6.69 | 0.48 |
| Chinese, Taiwanese | 439,086 | 0.28 | 0.91 | 0.07 | | 4.71 | 0.36 |
| Korean | 184,238 | 0.38 | 0.58 | 0.24 | | 2.05 | 0.82 |
| Filipino | 297,011 | 0.64 | 1.73 | 0.23 | | 4.73 | 0.81 |
| Vietnamese | 229,735 | 0.89 | 0.85 | 0.32 | | 16.18 | 2.85 |
| Lao, Hmong, Cambodian | 89,864 | 1.65 | 1.72 | 0.52 | | 9.11 | 5.80 |
| <u>Other:</u> | | | | | | | |
| White, non-Hispanic | 29,014,261 | 1.66 | 1.63 | 0.43 | | 4.76 | 1.23 |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 5,453,546 | 10.87 | 7.08 | 1.32 | | 22.25 | 7.64 |
| Two or more race groups, other | 1,272,742 | 3.09 | 2.08 | 0.39 | | 7.44 | 2.85 |
| N = | | | 3,213,066 | 4,866,753 | | 6,301,695 | 30,818,903 |

Source: 2000 U.S. Census, 5% PUMS. Data are estimates for adult males, ages 18 to 39, in correctional institutions at the time of the census.

^a Island-born Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens by birth and not immigrants, but are classified as "foreign born" for purposes of this table; mainland-born Puerto Ricans are classified under "U.S.-born."

Table 7.
**Percent of Foreign-born Males 18-39 Incarcerated in the United States, 2000,
 by Length of U.S. Residence, in Rank Order by Ethnicity**

| Ethnicity (self-reported) | Total foreign-born males 18-39: | | Years in the United States: | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------|---------|--|
| | N | % incarcerated | 0-5 yrs | 6-15 yrs | 16 yrs+ | |
| Total: | 8,079,819 | 0.86 | 0.50 | 0.77 | 1.39 | |
| <u>Latin American Ethnicities:</u> | | | | | | |
| Salvadoran, Guatemalan | 407,147 | 0.52 | 0.37 | 0.46 | 0.88 | |
| Mexican | 3,082,660 | 0.70 | 0.46 | 0.66 | 1.12 | |
| Colombian, Peruvian, Ecuadorian | 234,834 | 0.80 | 0.55 | 1.30 | 1.98 | |
| Cuban | 127,399 | 2.22 | 1.28 | 1.99 | 3.07 | |
| Dominican | 144,387 | 2.51 | 1.48 | 2.49 | 3.40 | |
| Puerto Rican ^a | 240,713 | 4.55 | 2.57 | 4.01 | 6.06 | |
| <u>Asian Ethnicities:</u> | | | | | | |
| Indian | 343,834 | 0.11 | 0.05 | 0.11 | 0.27 | |
| Chinese | 347,029 | 0.18 | 0.07 | 0.22 | 0.27 | |
| Korean | 152,785 | 0.26 | 0.10 | 0.15 | 0.50 | |
| Filipino | 205,167 | 0.38 | 0.31 | 0.35 | 0.45 | |
| Vietnamese | 210,331 | 0.46 | 0.46 | 0.41 | 0.51 | |
| Lao, Hmong, Cambodian | 79,489 | 0.92 | † | 0.33 | 1.19 | |
| <u>Other:</u> | | | | | | |
| White, non-Hispanic | 1,266,100 | 0.57 | 0.36 | 0.41 | 0.88 | |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 441,263 | 2.47 | 1.64 | 2.10 | 3.80 | |
| Two or more race groups, other | 310,327 | 0.72 | 0.25 | 0.76 | 1.20 | |

Source: 2000 U.S. Census, 5% PUMS. Data are estimates for all foreign-born males, ages 18 to 39, in correctional institutions at the time of the census, regardless of age at arrival in the United States.

^a Island-born Puerto Ricans are classified as "foreign born" for purposes of this table.

† There are too few cases for an accurate estimate.