

Figure 33

Smaller Ancestry Groups, Wisconsin: 2000

Ancestry	Percent	Ancestry (cont.)	Percent
English		Dutch	
Fond du Lac	5	Calumet	5
Grant	11	Outagamie	11
Iowa	14	Czech	
Menominee	2	Kewaunee	12
Sauk	8	Manitowoc	8
Walworth	8	American Indian	
African American or Black		Ashland	9
Milwaukee	22	Menominee	88
Racine	9	Sawyer	14
French		Shawano	6
Marinette	8	Swiss	
Oconto	7	Green	18
Italian		Belgian	
Iron	15	Brown	9
Kenosha	9	Door	10
Swedish		Kewaunee	21
Bayfield	9	Finnish	
Burnett	15	Iron	14
Douglas	12		
Florence	11		
Polk	12		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census of Population, 2000

Wisconsin's Foreign-Born Population

Recent immigration to the United States has substantially increased the presence in our communities of persons who were not native born – that is, persons who were not U.S. citizens at birth. In the 2000 Census, 194,000 residents of Wisconsin (4% of the total population) were foreign born. Of these, 76,000 were naturalized citizens; 118,000 were not citizens. Nationally, the foreign born population accounted for 11% of the population in 2000, the highest percentage recorded in a census since 1940. While these percentages may seem high relative to those recorded in recent censuses, it is instructive to look back in time just a bit further. One hundred years ago, the census of 1900 recorded 14% of the national population as being foreign born. For Wisconsin the figure was 25%, a clue perhaps as to why

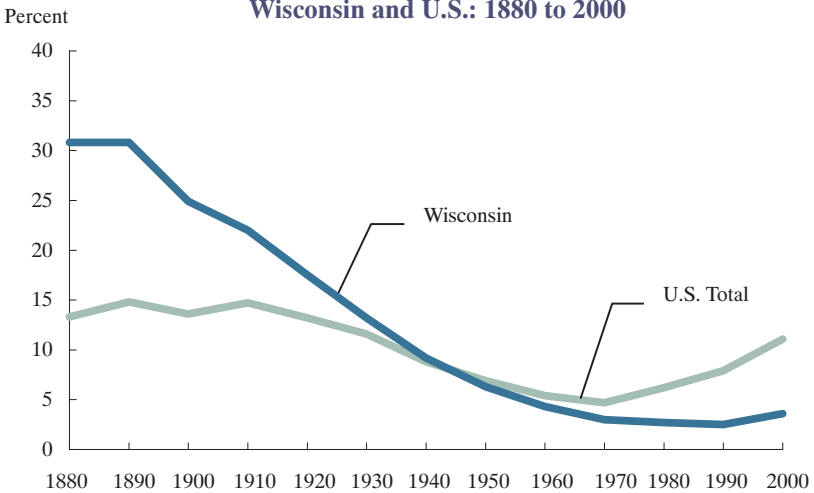
issues of ancestral heritage continue to interest many Wisconsinites to this day (Fig. 34).

One hundred years ago, the vast majority of the non-native population in Wisconsin was born in Europe. Today, little more than one-fourth of Wisconsin's foreign born population was born in Europe (Fig. 35). Latin America (35%) and Asia (32%) are more common origins, with Mexico and Laos being the individual countries that dominate, respectively, those regions of the world.

More than one-fourth (29%) of Wisconsin's foreign-born population entered the country between 1995 and 2000. About two-thirds (68%) of foreign-born residents of Wisconsin entered the U.S. since 1980 (Fig. 36).

Figure 34

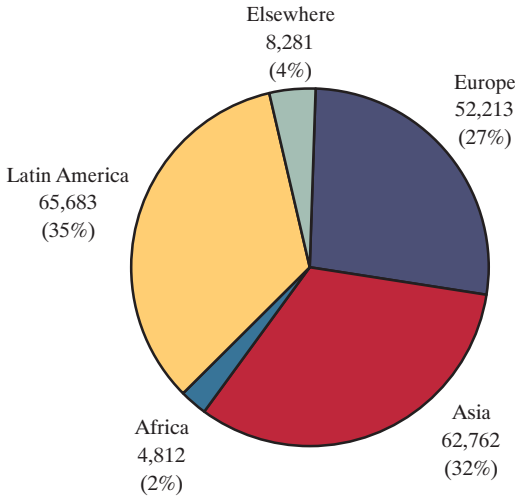
**Foreign Born Persons as a Percent of the Total Population,
Wisconsin and U.S.: 1880 to 2000**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census of Population, 1880 to 2000

Figure 35

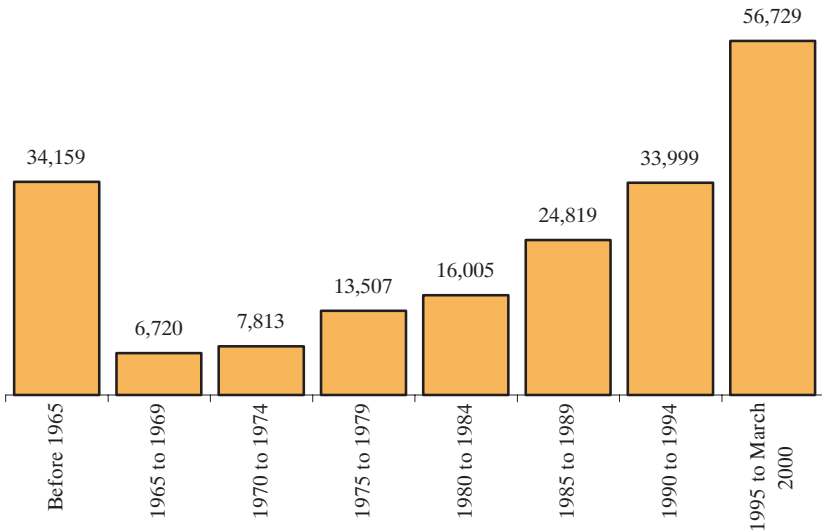
Place of Birth of Foreign Born Population, Wisconsin: 2000



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census of Population, 2000

Figure 36

Year of Entry of Foreign Born Population, Wisconsin: 2000



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census of Population, 2000