How Much of the U.S. Population Is Foreign-Born?

Use the graphs to interpret the data and answer the questions.

1. In what year(s) was the largest percent of the U.S. population foreign-born?

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2. In what year(s) was the smallest percent of the U.S. population foreign-born?

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3. List the percent of foreign-born population by year from least to greatest.

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4. In 1970 what region of the world had the largest foreign-born population in the U.S.?

5. What percent of the U.S. population was from Asia in 1980? In 1997?

6. How much did the percentage of population from Latin America increase from 1970 to 1997?

7. How does the increase of Asia’s population from 1970 to 1997 differ from Latin America’s population?

8. What region of the world has the largest percentage increase in the U.S. from 1970 to 1997?
9. What state has the largest percentage of foreign-born population?
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10. List 6 states that have a foreign-born population of at least 10-19%.
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11. What is the percent of foreign-born population that is most common in the U.S?
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12. What region of the U.S. has the largest percent of foreign-born population?
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13. Why do you think the foreign-born population is the highest in that region of the U.S.?
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14. Which region of birth has the highest household income?
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15. Which region of birth has the lowest household income?
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16. List all household incomes from highest to lowest.
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**Answer Key**

1. In what year(s) was the largest percent of the U.S. population foreign-born?
   - 1890 and 1910

2. In what year(s) was the smallest percent of the U.S. population foreign-born?
   - 1970

3. List the percent of foreign-born population by year from least to greatest.
   - 1970; 1950; 1990; 1997; 1850 (or 1850; 1997); 1930; 1870; 1890; 1910 (or 1910; 1890)

4. In 1970 what region had the largest foreign-born population in the U.S.?
   - Europe

5. What percent of the U.S. population was from Asia in 1980? In 1997?
   - 19% (1980), 26% (1997)

6. How much did the percentage of population from Latin America increase from 1970 to 1997?
   - It increased by 32% from 19% to 51%.

7. How does the increase of Asia’s population from 1970 to 1997 differ from Latin America’s population?
   - It increased from 9% to 27%, which is three times as much.

8. What region has the largest percentage increase in the U.S. from 1970 to 1997?
   - Latin America

9. What state has the largest percentage of foreign-born population?
   - California

10. List 6 states, which have a foreign-born population of at least 10-19%.
    - Nevada, Arizona, Texas, California, Florida, New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island.

11. What is the percent of foreign-born population that is most common in the U.S.?
    - Under 10%

12. What region of the U.S. has the largest percent of foreign-born population?
    - West or Southwest

13. Why do you think the foreign-born population is the highest in that region of the U.S.?
    - Accept reasonable answers, such as they are closer to Mexico or Latin America.

14. Which region of birth has the highest household income?
    - Asian

15. Which region of birth has the lowest household income?
    - Latin America

16. List all household incomes from highest to lowest.
    - 42,900; 36,100; 35,000; 31,300; 30,000; 24,100