

## TIMELINE OF KEY EVENTS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN US IMMIGRATION HISTORY

INTL	Santa Fe, New Mexico settlement	1598
INTL	Jamestown, Virginia settlement	1607
INTL	African slaves first brought to Virginia	1619
INTL	Mayflower to Massachusetts settlement	1620
INTL	New Amsterdam became New York	1664
INTL	Repeal of Edict of Nantes (religious refugees)	1685
INTL	Seven Years War; Britain got Canada	1754-63
LEG	Ratification of US Constitution	1788
EC	Cotton gin invented	1793
LEG	Naturalization, Alien, Sedition Laws	1795
INTL	Louisiana Purchase: Area of US doubled	1803
LEG	Atlantic slave trade abolished by Britain and USA	1807
INTL	End of Napoleonic Wars	1815
INTL	"Year of no summer" in Europe	1816
LEG	"Tail of Tears" (Cherokees, other native Americans forced to move to Oklahoma)	1830s
INTL	US gets Oregon, Texas, California	1845-48
INTL	Potato blight, failed revolutions in Europe	1846-50
INTL	Transatlantic steerage (migrant) travel shifting from sailing to steam ships	1860s
INTL	Russia abolishes serfdom	1861
INTL	Unification of Italy, Germany	1861-71
LEG	US Civil War (slavery abolished 1865)	1861-65
LEG	Homestead Act (inexpensive land)	1862
EC	Transatlantic telegraph	1866
EC	First North American transcontinental railroad (immigrant labor)	1869
INTL	Germany "Kulturkampf" and "Sozialistengesetz"	1871-90
LEG	Chinese Exclusion Act (only "business" migration not labor migration from China)	1882
INTL	"May laws" restricting Russian Jews	1882
INTL	Net <i>immigration</i> to Germany (after centuries of net <i>emigration</i> )	1890s
DEM	Main source of US immigrants shifting from northwest to south and east Europe	1890s
LEG	Federal control of immigration policy, Ellis Island inspection station, New York	1892
LEG	Literacy Act (vs immigration) vetoed by President Cleveland	1897
EC	USA became largest international producer of steel	1900
INTL	World War I (US entry, 1917)	1914-18
LEG	Literacy Act passed over veto of President Wilson	1917
INTL	Bolshevik Revolution in Russia	1917
INTL	Rise of fascism	1920s
LEG	National Origins Act (immigration restriction: quotas by country)	1924
EC	"Great Depression"	1930-40
INTL	World War II, Holocaust, mass killings and expulsions, "Iron Curtain"	1937-47
LEG	"Bracero" Program	1942-64
INTL	Maoist takeover of China	1949
LEG	UN Refugees Convention	1951
INTL	Cuban Revolution (Castro)	1959
DEM	Main source of US immigrants shifting from Europe to Latin America and Asia	1960s
LEG	Immigration and Nationality Act (family reunification instead of country quotas)	1965
INTL	Unrest in Central America, fall of Saigon	1970s-'80s
LEG	Immigration Reform+Control Act: undoc. immigrant amnesty + more border control	1986
INTL	End of Berlin wall, USSR, Warsaw Pact	1989-91
EC	Service sector's share of US jobs surpassed 50%	1990
INTL	NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement: US, Canada, Mexico)	1994
LEG	"Operation Gatekeeper" (first extensive fencing on US-Mexico border)	1995-97
LEG	Compromise immigration reform bills rejected in US Congress	2007, '13

EC = economic, DEM = demographic, LEG = legislative, INTL = international US immigration history, Univ. Zurich, 25Feb22