

Urban Settlements as Global Immigrant Gateways

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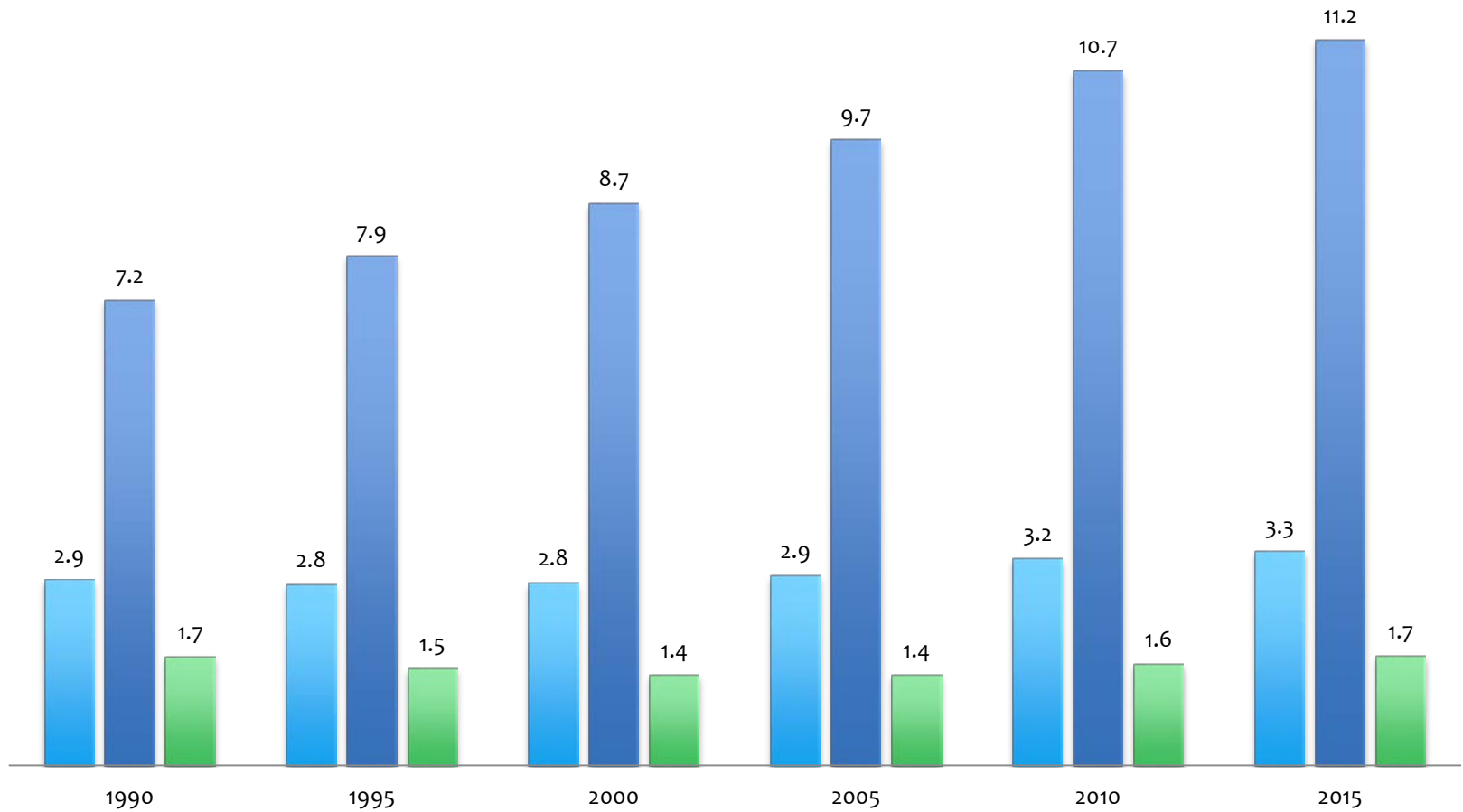
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International Migrant Stock as % of the Total Population

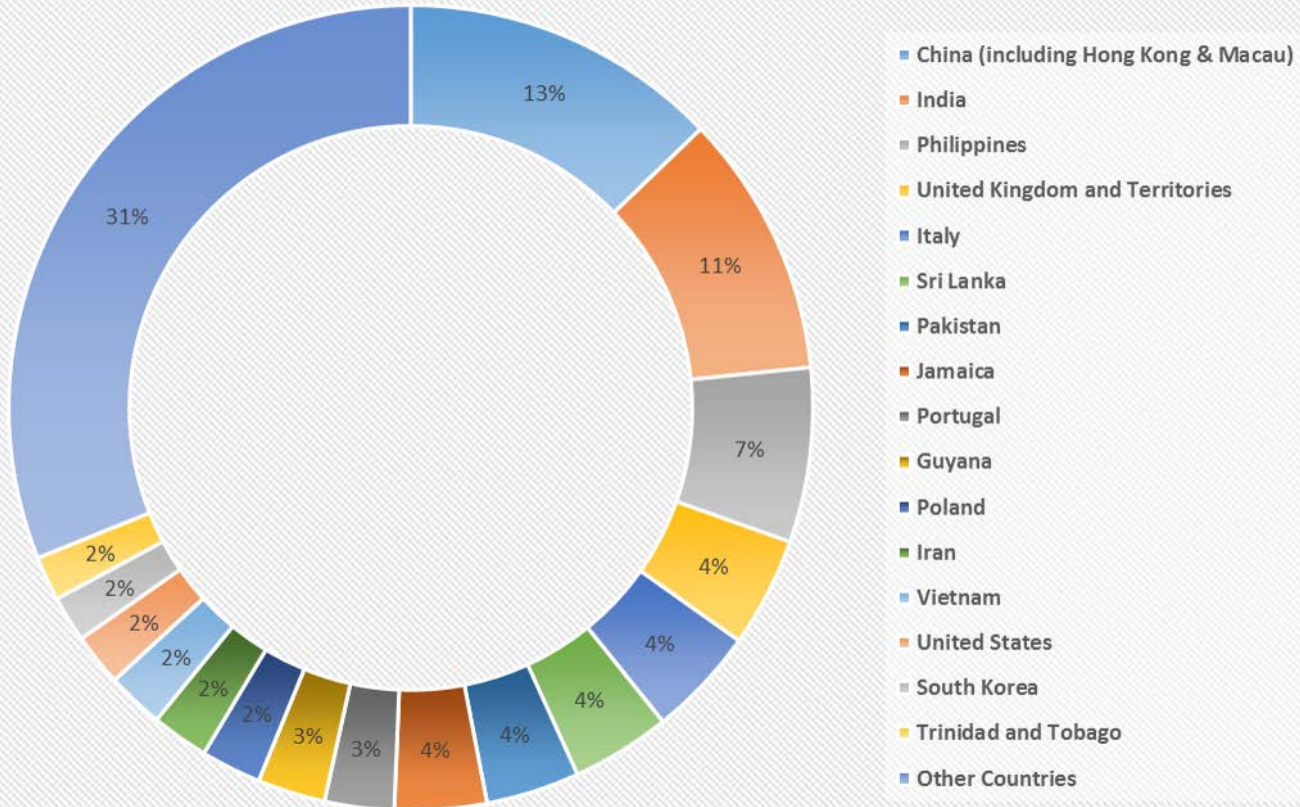
■ World ■ Developed Regions ■ Developing Regions



Source: UN, Population Division, Trends in International Migrant Stock: The 2015 Revision

TORONTO

Country of Birth of Foreign Born in Toronto, 2011



Toronto 2.5 million Foreign Born, 46% of the total population.

Gateways

- * Critical entry points that draw from a wide range of sending countries
- * Facilitate cultural exchange and must address immigrant inclusion
- * Nodes for the collection, circulation, and dispersion of goods, capital and people.
- * Some are Global Cities, most provide important globalizing links, especially with countries of origin
- * Localities of opportunity but also exclusion, vulnerability, and segregation



Philippine workers in Hong Kong



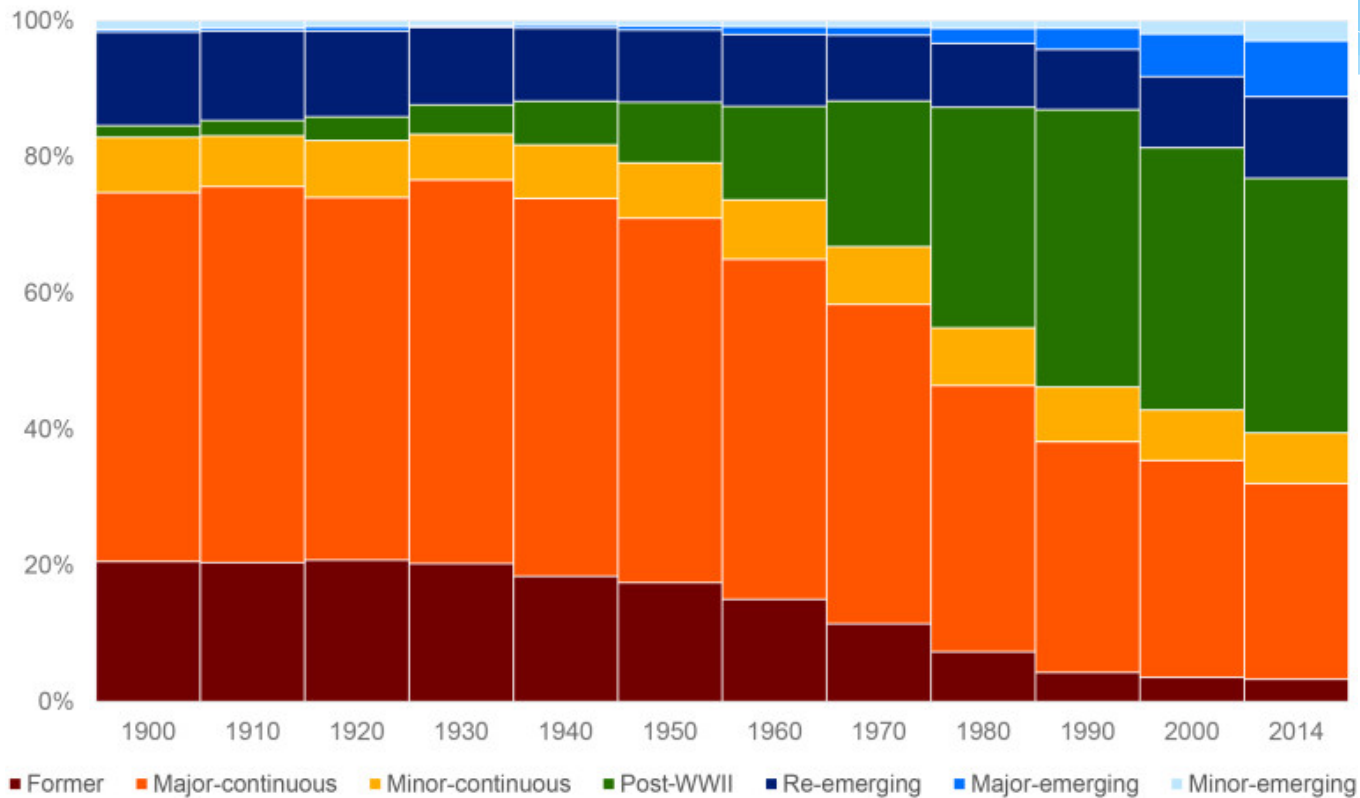
Asian Migrants in Tel Aviv



Mexicans in Los Angeles

U.S. Gateway Typology

Figure 1. Share of immigrants living in named gateways, by type 1900 to 2014



Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Censuses accessed via www.NHGIS.org, 2014 1-year ACS

Metropolitan Areas Considered in this research

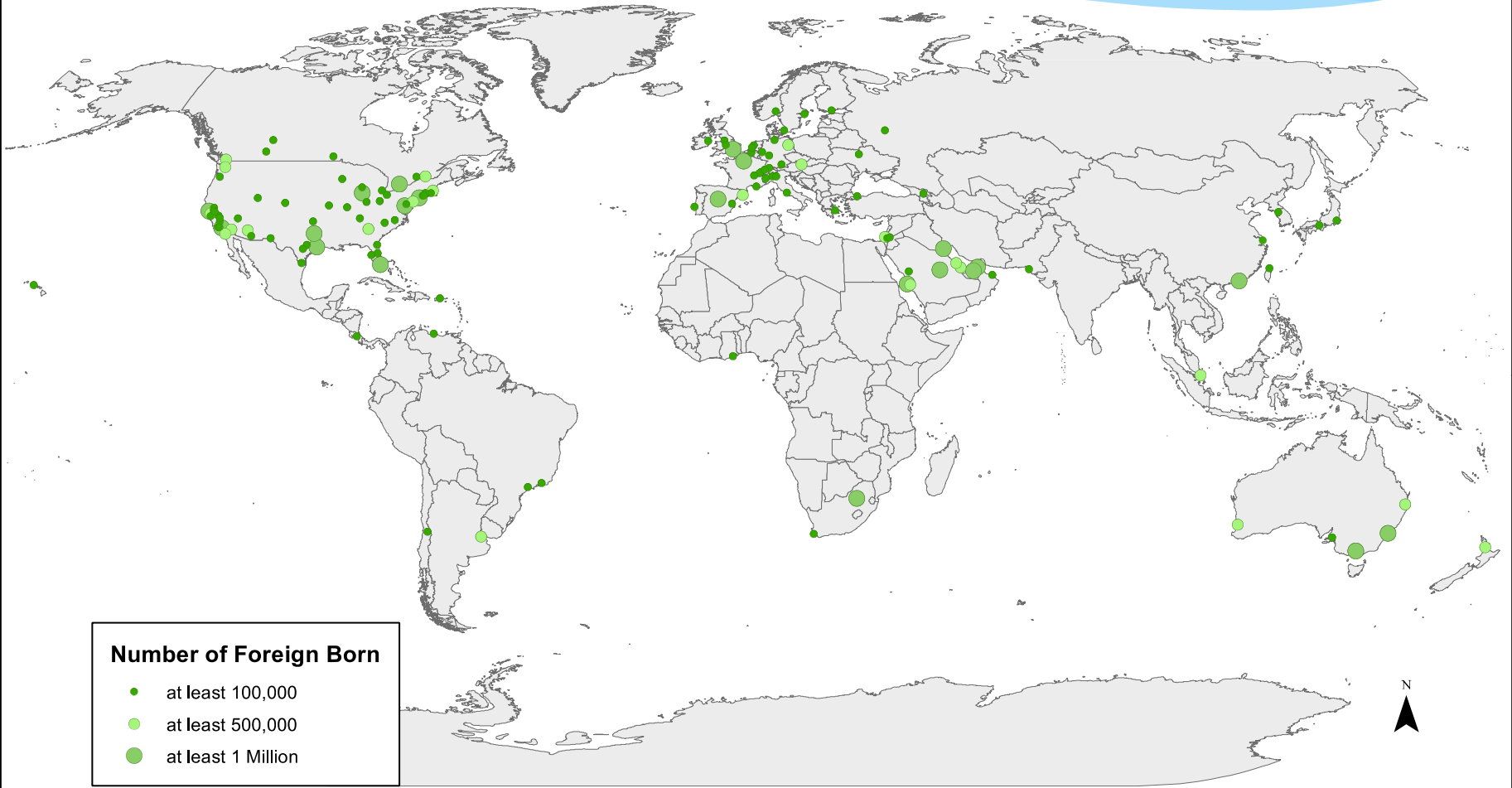
- * Metropolitan areas of over 1 million people
- * Number of foreign-born residents and countries (or regions) of origin
- * Based on Census data from over 50 countries at the Metropolitan Scale, since 2000
- * Immigrants are increasingly larger portion of urban populations, especially in the developed world

Literatures: Global Cities; Globalization from Below; Immigrant Gateways; Immigrant exclusion/inclusion

Data Challenges

- * Data collected irregularly, often by decade, and different years
- * Defining urban areas consistently
- * Different definitions of foreign-born or migrant stock
- * Not all countries publish data on the foreign-born at the sub-national scale

Cities with at least 100,000 Foreign Born, 2010-2016

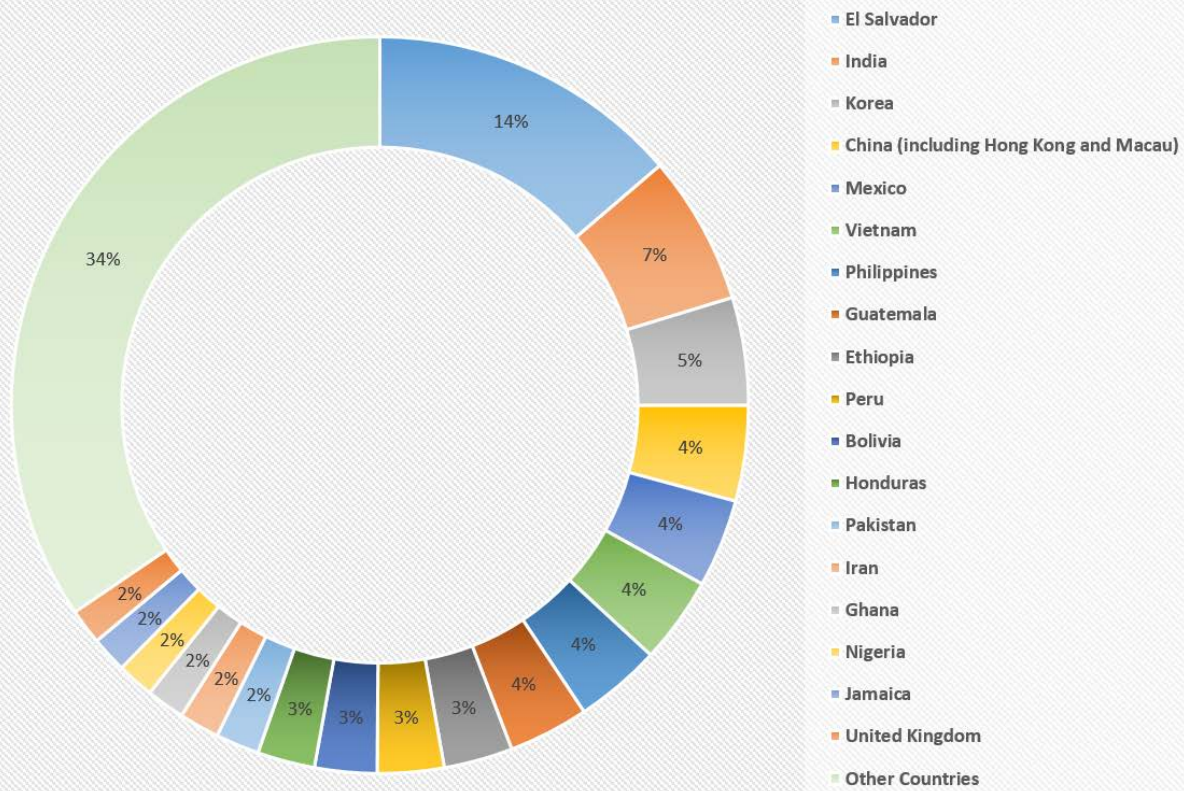


84 million immigrants or 34% of the foreign-born stock in 2015

Hyperdiversity

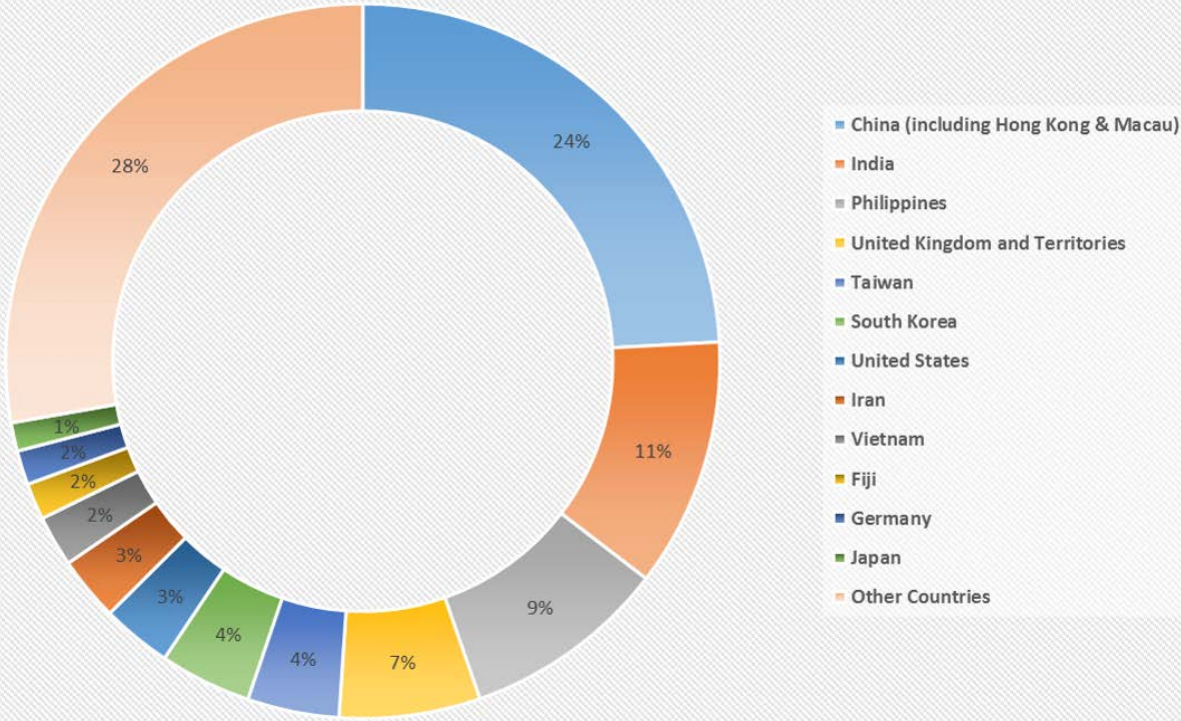
- * A gateway in this study has at least 11% of the total population is foreign-born,
- * (2) no one country of origin accounts for 25% or more of the immigrant stock
- * (3) immigrants come from all regions of the world.

Country of Origin of Foreign Born in Washington DC, 2013



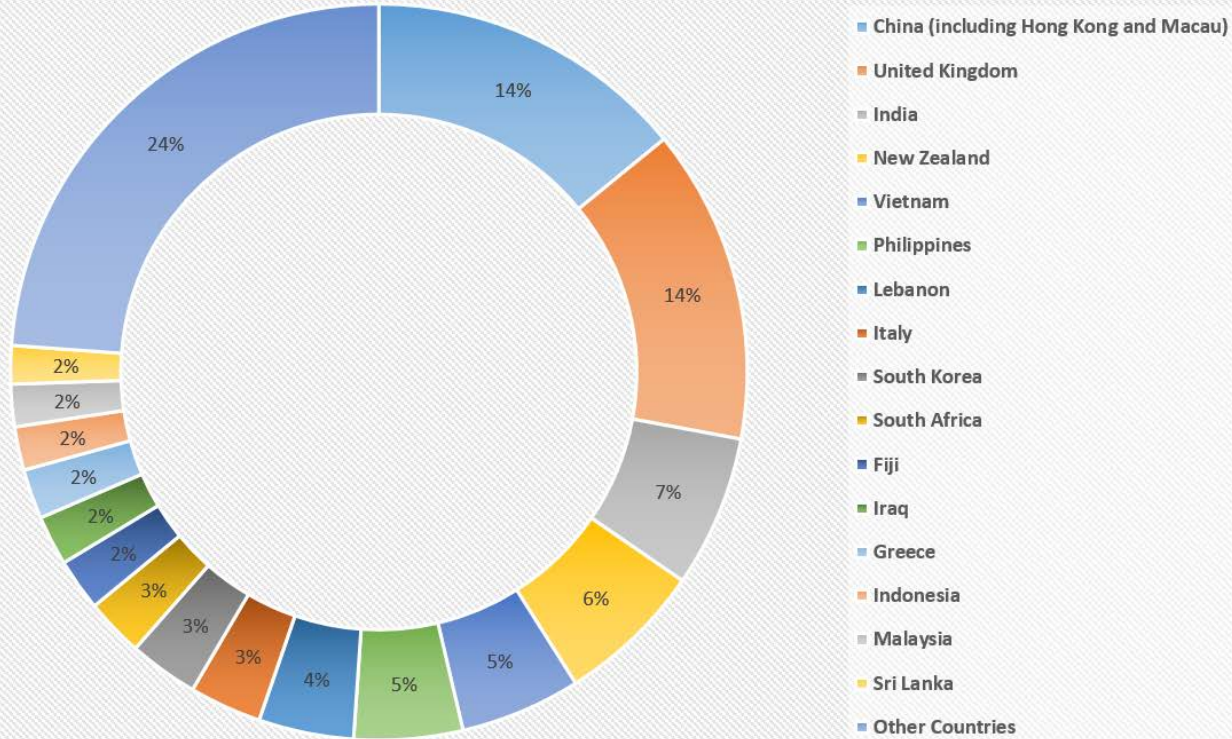
5.7 million people, of which 22% is foreign born

Country of Birth of Foreign Born in Vancouver, 2011



Vancouver 2.3 million people of which 40% are foreign born

Country of Birth of Foreign Born in Sydney, 2011



4.4million people, of with 34 % are foreign-born

Turnstiles

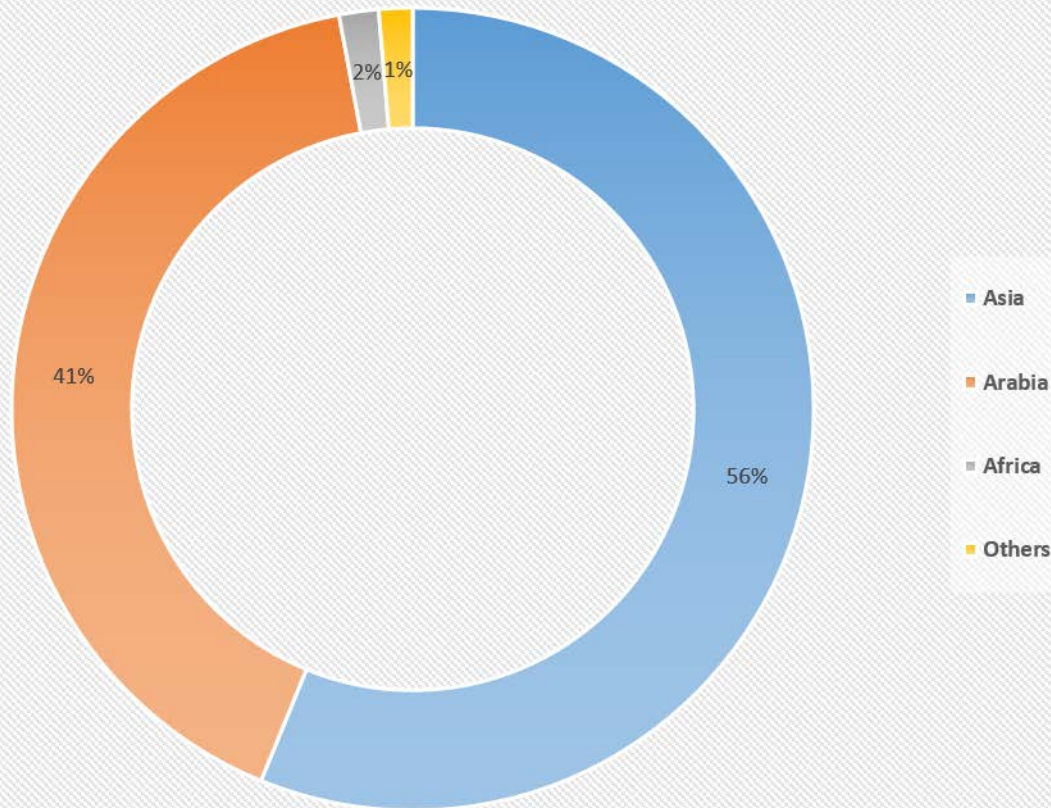
- * A rotating cast of immigrant labor often allowed in temporarily or without authorization.
- * Immigrants regularly move through these urban turnstiles, often in highly precarious and temporary conditions.
- * This would include immigrants and refugees, and it is likely their numbers are growing.

Permanent Temporariness



Kuwait City

Country of Birth of Foreign Born in Kuwait City, 2016

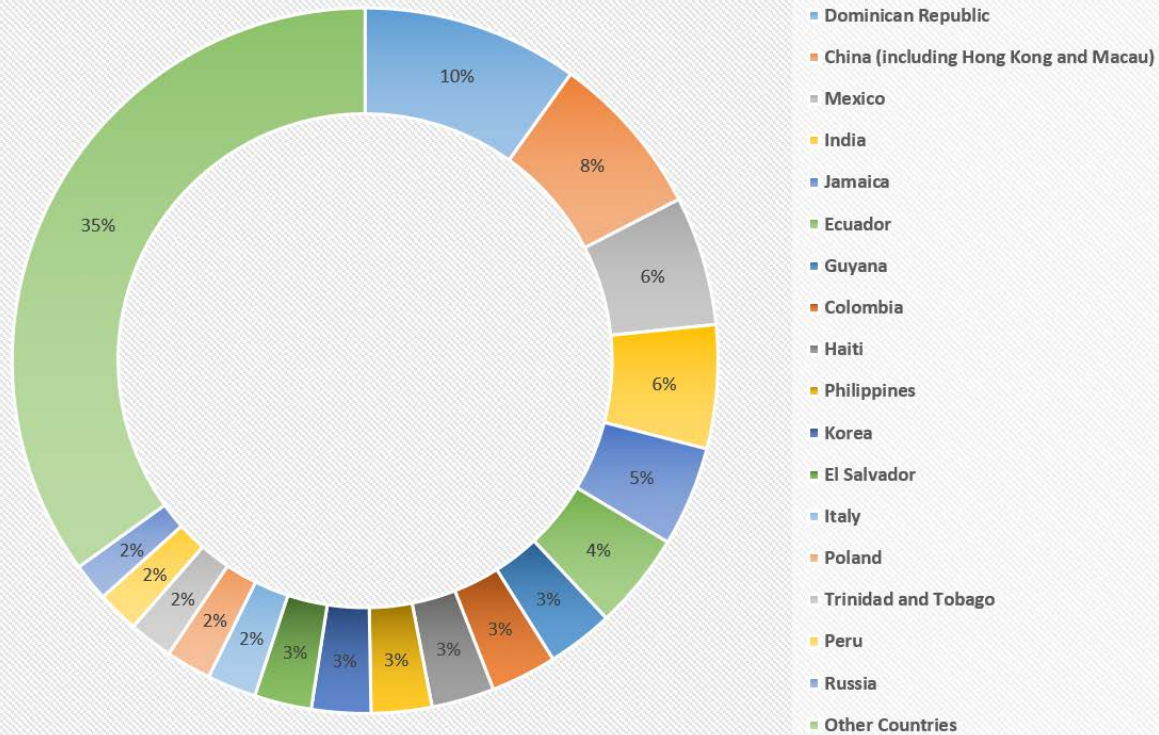


Established

- * Established (or Continuous) cities that have been attracting immigrants for a half-century or more. These would include the obvious cities such as New York, London, Hong Kong, or Buenos Aires

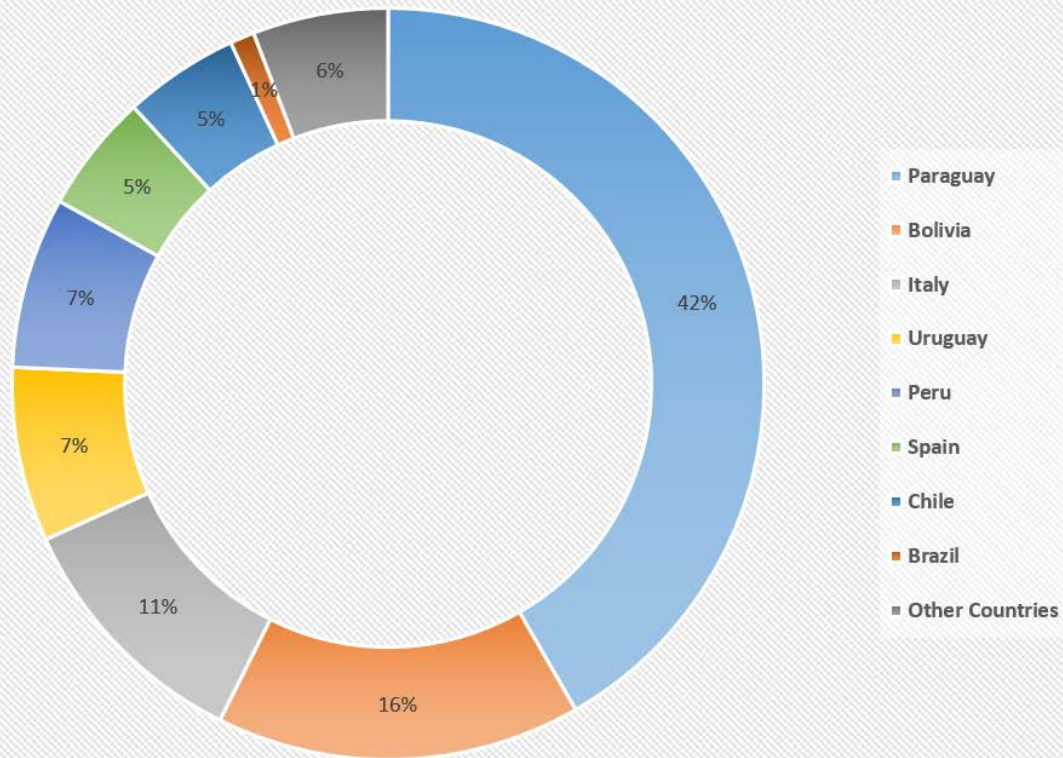
New York City

Country of Birth of Foreign Born in New York City, 2013



Buenos Aires, Argentina

Country of Birth of Foreign Born in Buenos Aires, 2010

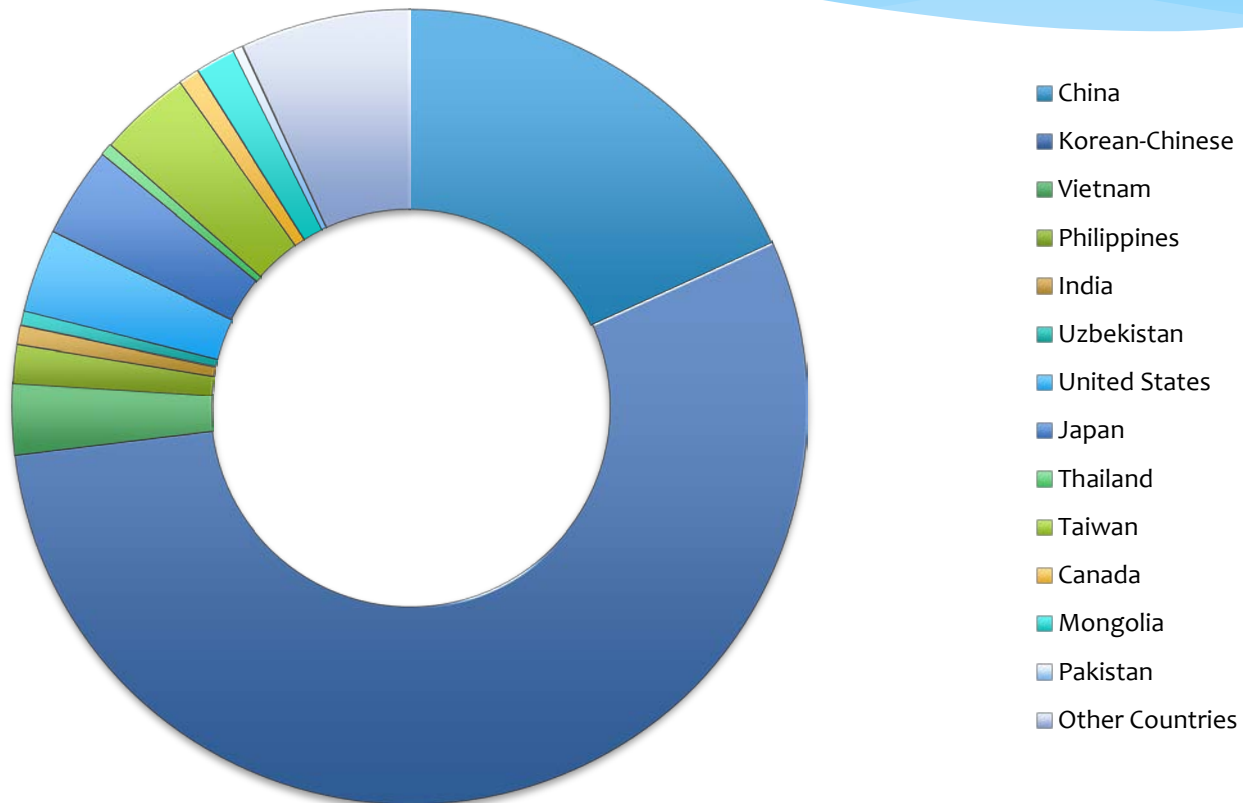


Emerging Gateways

- * There also are Emerging gateways, that saw their growth in the 1990s onward, as globalizing trends reorganized the world map and countries experiencing labor shortages set up mechanisms to recruit foreign workers.

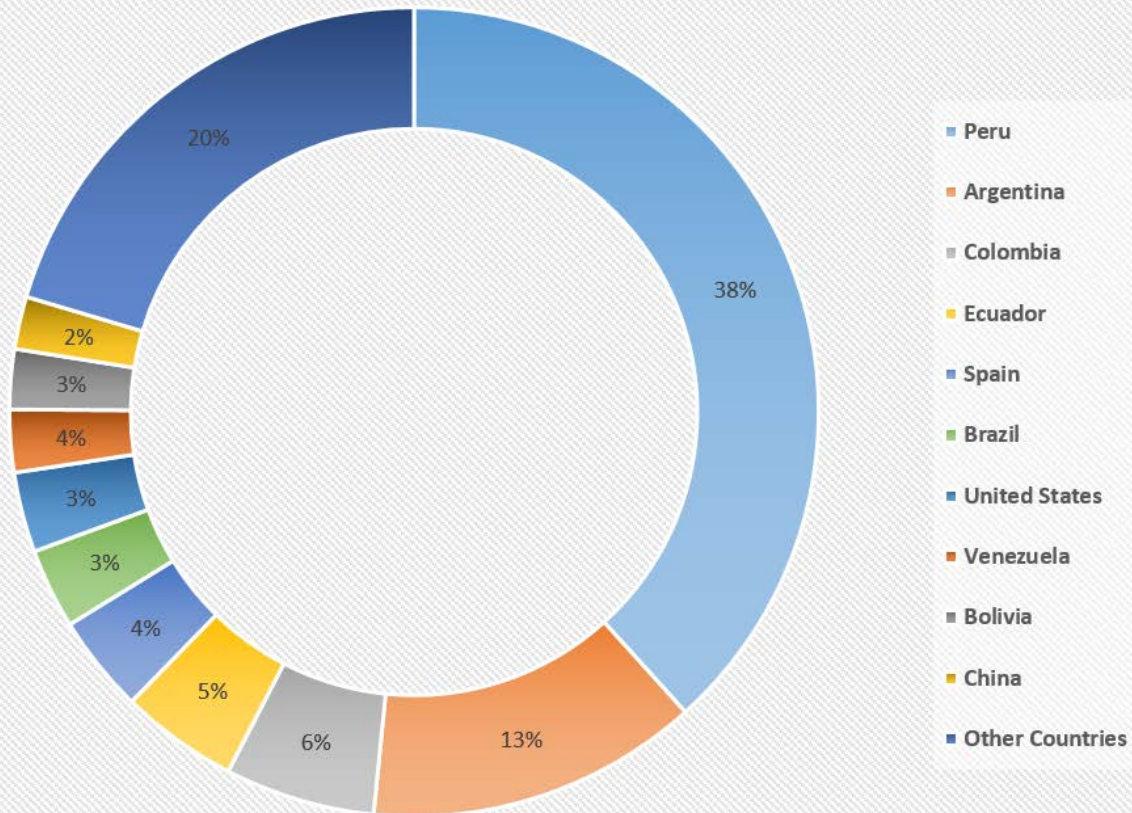
Seoul, South Korea

Country of Birth of Foreign Born in Seoul, 2013



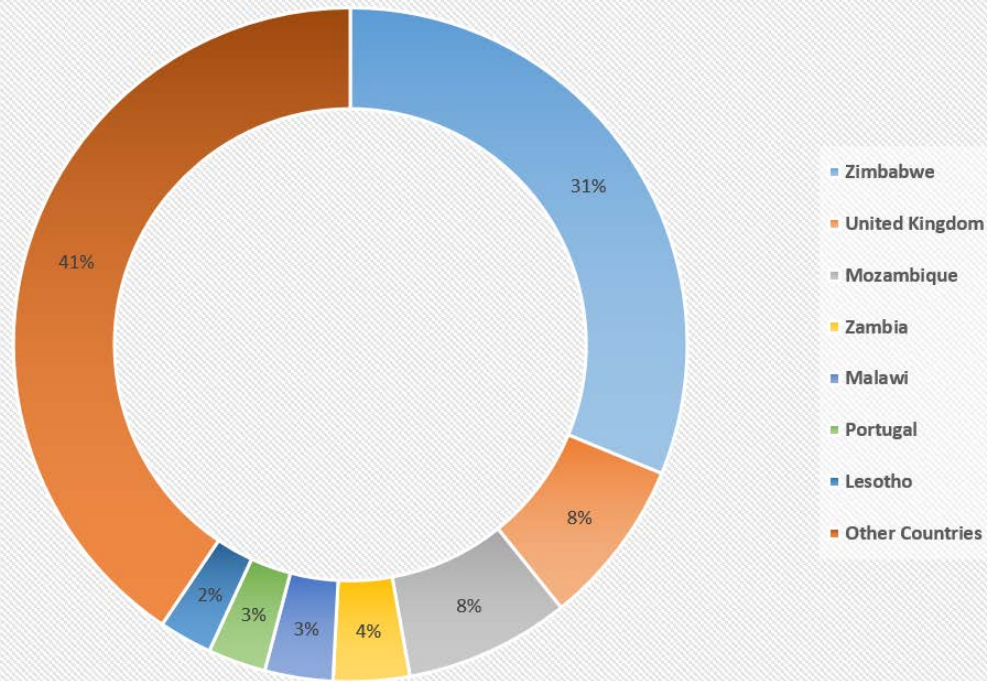
Santiago, Chile

Country of Birth of Foreign Born in Santiago de Chile, 2014



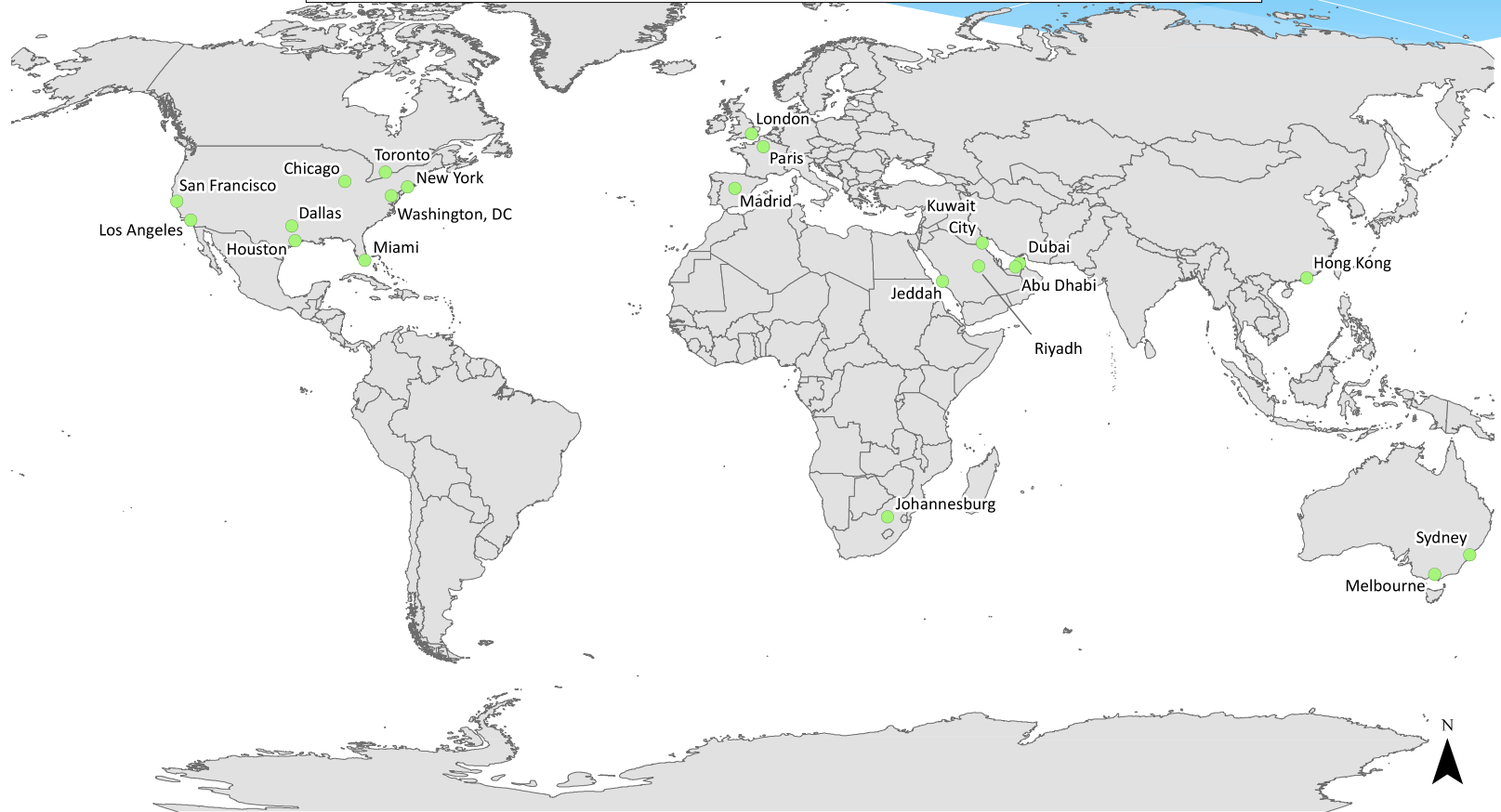
Johannesburg, South Africa

Country of Birth of Foreign Born in Greater Johannesburg*, 2011



*Includes all of Gauteng Province

Metropolitan Areas With At Least 1 Million Foreign Born



Source: <https://gum.columbian.gwu.edu/>

Gateway Cities with over 1 Million Foreign-born

Cities Dropped:

Moscow?
Singapore

Cities Added:

Abu Dhabi
Kuwait City
Madrid
Johannesburg

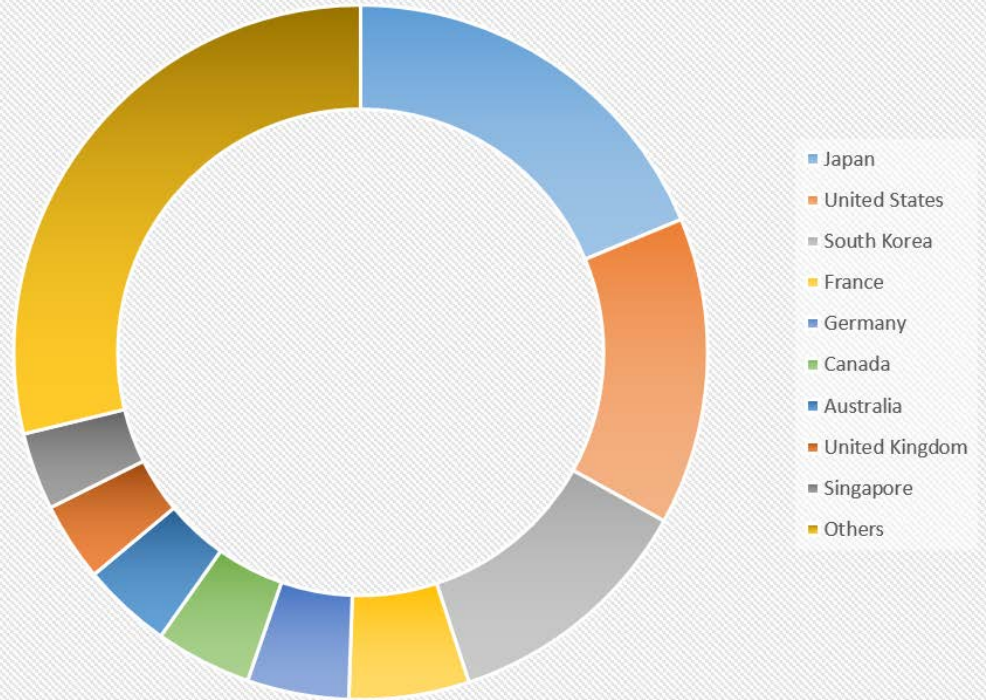
In these 22 cities are over 45.5 million foreign-born residents which represents 18% of the Foreign-Born Stock in 2015 according to the United Nations.

Nearly, one-in-five immigrants are in these cities.

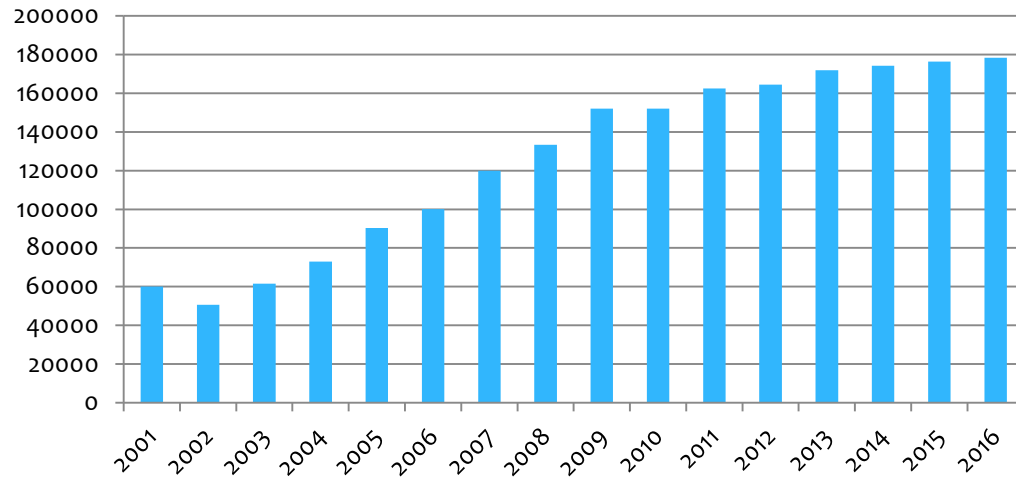
Metros of nearly 1 million foreign-born

Buenos Aires, Mecca, Vancouver

Country of Birth of Foreign Born in Shanghai, 2015



Foreign-Born in Shanghai



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