

Key Moments in American Immigration Policy

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Date	Legislation	Effects
1882	Chinese Exclusion Act	Chinese laborers could not enter America for 10 years; prevented Chinese naturalization; illegal immigrants from China could be deported.
1891	Immigration Act	Established Bureau of Immigration; illegal immigrants could be deported
1924	Immigration and Naturalization Act	Established first immigration quota and the first national origins quota system, which favored European immigrants
1952	Immigration and Naturalization Act	Increased immigrant quota due to labor shortage
1965	Immigration and Nationality Act Amendments	Repealed national origins quota; established seven-category preference system based on skills; limited number of immigrants from the East to 20,000 per country
1976	Immigration and Nationality Act Amendments	Limited number of immigrants from the West to 20,000 per country
1980	Refugee Act	Defined refugee by international standards; established process of domestic resettlement
1986	Immigration Reform and Control Act	Created legalization system and employer sanctions for hiring illegal immigrants; increased border patrol
1990	Immigration Act	Tripled immigration quota to accommodate employment-based moves; immigrants gained asylum in America from political unrest or natural disasters in their own countries

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