

Revised Instructions for Session 3

Discussion of handout, “Recent Immigration in Wisconsin” and “New Americans in Wisconsin”

Immigration in Wisconsin: Recent and Projected – 10 min.

Distribute the handout(s), “Recent Immigration in Wisconsin.” Draw participants’ attention to the first graph, “Wisconsin’s Foreign Born Population: 1850-2000.” Ask:

1. *How did events and changes in the world and the U.S. (including but not limited to those listed on the graph) “push” or “pull” immigrants to America (see the table below the chart)? What are the most important “push” and “pull” factors affecting immigration now?*

Have participants look at the second graph, “Foreign Born Persons as a Percent of the Total Population of Wisconsin: 1880-2008.”

2. *What is the relative proportion (per cent) of immigrants to native born persons in Wisconsin today, compared to past decades?*

Turn to “New Americans in Wisconsin.”

3. *What do you think these figures tell us about the role that recent immigrants, and their children and grandchildren, will be playing in Wisconsin in the future?*