

BECOMING WELCOMING COMMUNITIES

Immigration in Light of Biblical Faith:
A Study Guide for Wisconsin Congregations



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True or False?

1. Poles, which represent the second largest ethnic group in Wisconsin, came to this country to escape political oppression and poverty at home. The first Polish settlement in Wisconsin was *Polonia* in Portage County.
2. A rapidly expanding and industrializing economy brought a new wave of immigrants to Wisconsin at the turn of the twentieth century seeking stable employment.
3. Today, Mexicans are the second largest Spanish-speaking group in Wisconsin; the vast majority live in the southwest quadrant of the state.
4. A large number of Russians moved to Wisconsin in the 1940's, along with Holocaust survivors, seeking political asylum.
5. Czechs were some of the earliest eastern Europeans to come to Wisconsin, settling along Lake Michigan and in the north where they often worked in the lumber industry.
6. Wisconsin has the second largest Hmong population in the country, after California.
7. The US Catholic Conference and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services helped to sponsor Hmong immigration beginning in 1975, following the US withdrawal from Vietnam.
8. During World War II, over 13,000 German prisoners of war were used as agricultural workers on Wisconsin farms.