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The foreign-born population residing in the U.S. reached a record 43.7 million, or 13.5% of the U.S. population, in 2016. This immigrant population has more than quadrupled since the 1960s, when the 1965 Immigration and Naturalization Act took effect. Ellis Island was the gateway for more than 12 million immigrants who passed through its doors seeking a better future in America, from 1892 to 1954. Immigration is the international movement of people into a destination country of which they are not natives or where they do not possess citizenship in order to settle or reside there, especially as permanent residents or naturalized citizens, or to take up employment as a migrant worker or temporarily as a foreign worker.. As for economic effects, research suggests that migration is ...We hear so often that America is "a nation of immigrants" or a "cultural melting pot" that the phrase has become kind of a tired cliché. But actually seeing that history is a different story. - Immigrant America: A Portrait