

# Download South American Immigrants

Immigrants from South America remain a small share of the U.S. foreign-born population, but with a noticeable uptick in arrivals in recent years from deeply troubled Venezuela. Recent growth has been marked by an uptick in arrivals from increasingly failing Venezuela, with an increase of 61,000 Venezuelan immigrants from 2016 to 2017. This article offers an interesting data snapshot of South American immigrants in the United States. Over the last 50 years the Central American share of all Latin American immigrants rose from about six percent in 1960 to about 15-16 percent since 1990, when about 12 percent of Latin American immigrants originated from South America. Discusses the reasons South American people left their homeland to come to North America, the experiences immigrants had in the new country, and the contributions this cultural group made to the North American society.