

Ethnoburb

Alhambra, CA
(W of Los Angeles)

Asian population grew in most places, but the greatest increases were along Interstate 95, which also saw declines in white population.

LARGEST INCREASE Jersey City: up 19,483 (+50%)

2ND LARGEST INCREASE Edison, NJ: 14,551 (+51%)

The Long Island Immigrant Story

- 2010 Census, Hispanics make up:
 - 17.6% of New York State
 - 14.6% of Nassau County
 - 18.5% of Suffolk County
- "Puerto Ricans had begun to move to Long Island in small numbers after World War II. Cubans joined them in the 1960s and 1970s, and in the 1980s Dominicans, Salvadorans, and many other from Latin America made their home on the metropolitan fringe."
- The current immigrant community:
 - Salvadorans top the chart
 - Caribbean: Jamaican, Haitian and Dominicans
 - Mexico and Central Americans: Honduran, Guatemalan, Mexican and Nicaraguan
 - South Americans: Peruvians, Colombians and Ecuadorians
 - Central Asians: Indians, Pakistanis, and Afghans (a growing community)

Jewish Venetian Ghetto

16th Century

Note the word "nuovo" on the map, an indication of ghetto expansion.

Cultural Diffusion and Ethnicity

❖ **Migration: the large scale movement of people between different regions.** Most migration of ethnic groups falls under the definition of **relocation migration**. *Leads to cultural interaction.*

- **Chain Migration**
The tendency of people to migrate over a period of time from specific source areas to specific destinations. (Dominicans and Upper Manhattan)
- **Involuntary (forced) Migration**
The forced displacement of a population, whether by government policy, warfare, or other violence, ethnic cleansing, disease, natural disaster or enslavement. (Darfur region of the Sudan; fleeing warfare in Syria; New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina)

Cultural Diffusion and Ethnicity

- **Ethnic Cleansing**
The removal of an unwanted minority population from a nation-state through harassment, mass killing, deportation, or imprisonment. (Jews in Nazi Germany; Rwandan genocide; Rohingya crisis in Myanmar)
- **Return Migration**
Ethnic diffusion that involves the **voluntary movement** of a group of migrants **back** to its ancestral or native country or homeland. (African-American return to areas in the South)

Pattern of African-American Migration in the U.S.

Now there is a return migration to the South.

Percentage of African American population living in the American South

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Cultural Diffusion and Ethnicity

❖ **Cultural simplification**
The process by which immigrant ethnic groups **lose aspects** of their traditional culture in the process of settling in a different area, creating a **new** culture that is **less complex** than the old.

- But languages and dialects, traditional food flavorings, and modernized religious services offer good examples of the preservation of the archaic.

Ethnic Ecology

❖ **Cultural Pre-adaptation**

The adaptive traits and skills possessed by a group in advance of migration, giving the group **survival ability** and **competitive advantage** in occupying the new environment.

- Scandinavians in Wisconsin
- Cubans in South Florida

❖ **Cultural Mal-adaptation**

Poor or inadequate adaptation that occurs when a group pursues an adaptive strategy that fails to provide the necessities of life or destroys the environment that nourishes it.

- Tried to plant homeland crops in new environment (*Bantu in southern Africa*)
- Used improper techniques (*British in tropical Africa*)

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Caucasus Ethnic Ecology

Diversity within a small area because of rugged physical geography (isolated regions).

Remember the languages map of this region!

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Cultural Ecology: Hillside Farming in Asia

People developed techniques to deal with water and steep slopes.

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Ethnic Cultural Interaction

Ethnicity interacts with:

- **Religion:** religion tenets and belief systems will influence how people will relate to others
- **Health:** attributes affecting health as diet, seeking medical attention, vaccinations, smoking, personal hygiene, body mutilations, etc. vary with culture
- **Business activity:** how business is done; the way items are bought and sold: post prices/barter for best deal

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Ethnic Cultural Interaction

❖ **Ethnicity interacts with types of employment:**

- **Transference:** certain groups have **excelled in employment/labor niches**; can be ecology-related or a history of working with a skill set.
- Opposite occurs when groups whose skill sets **cannot be utilized in new location** are employed in low wage and menial jobs (licensed professionals, farmers, teachers).

✓ Immigrant groups bring their trades to a new location and engage in **skill-based activities** (brick layers/house painters/gardeners, etc.).

➤ **Stereotypes may then develop:** Korean grocers, Chinese launderers, Italian cooks, Kenyan long-distance runners, Irish police officers, Jewish merchants, Dominican baseball players, Native American construction workers, German brewers.

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Religion and Neighborhood Businesses

Influence of Dutch Reformed Church prevents stores from opening on Sundays even if permitted by law.

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