# Mapping the Subcomponents of Net International Migration (NIM)

An overview of the geographic distribution of foreign-born migration using ACS data

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#### **Outline**

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## Background

- The U.S. Census Bureau produces population estimates annually for states, counties, cities and towns/townships.
- The Population Estimates Program provides estimates important for federal and state funding allocations and survey controls for the American Community Survey (ACS) and the Current Population Survey (CPS).
- The Census Bureau releases population estimates as a time series starting with the most recent census.

## **Background: Components of Change**

$$P_2 = P_1 + B - D + NDM + NIM$$

 $P_2$  estimated population

 $P_1$  starting population (April 1, 2010)

B births

D deaths

NDM net domestic migration

NIM net international migration

### **Background: NIM Component**

$$P_2 = P_1 + B - D + NDM + NIM$$

$$=I-E+(NAT+PR+MIL)$$

I

E

NAT

PR

MIL

foreign-born immigration foreign-born emigration

net native-born migration net U.S. – Puerto Rico migration net military movement

## **Data and Analysis**

- Population Estimates Data
- Time Series: 2010 through 2013
- Type of international migration flows:
  - Mexico
  - All Other Countries
- Measures of international migration
- Maps: States and Counties

## **Methodology: Nation**

- Current Data Sources:
  - Census 2000
  - ACS single-year file (since 2002)
  - Foreign Censuses and Population Registers
- Since 2007, estimated net foreign-born migration by flow:
  - Immigration based on the citizenship and the residence one year ago question (ROYA)
  - Emigration residual method applied to data from the Census
     2000 and ACS single-year files

Figure 1. Subcomponents of Net International Migration (NIM)

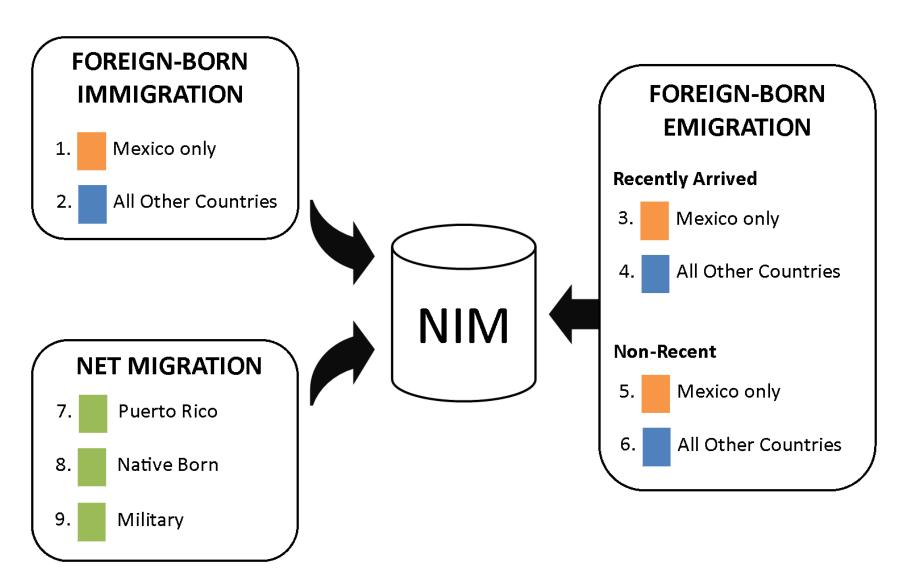
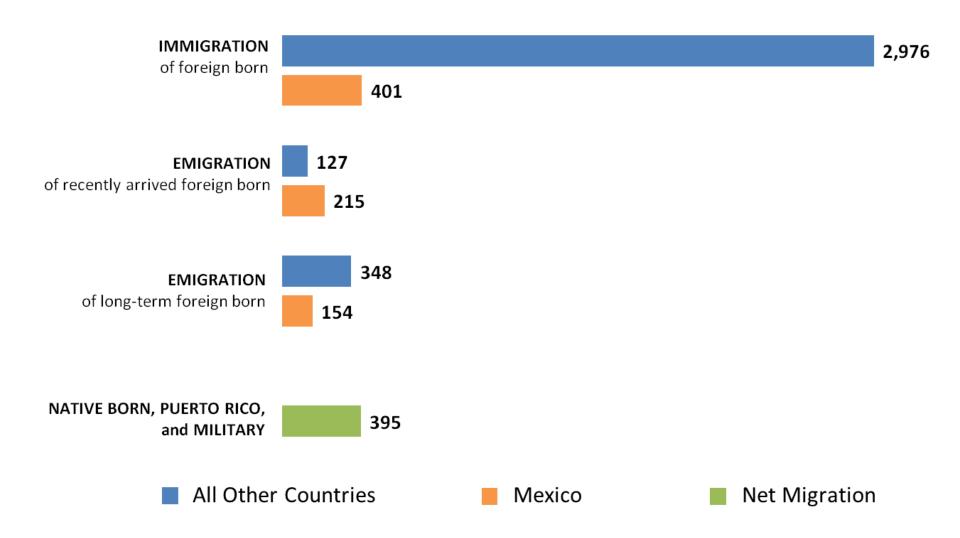


Figure 2. NIM Subcomponent Totals for the Nation: April 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013 (In thousands)



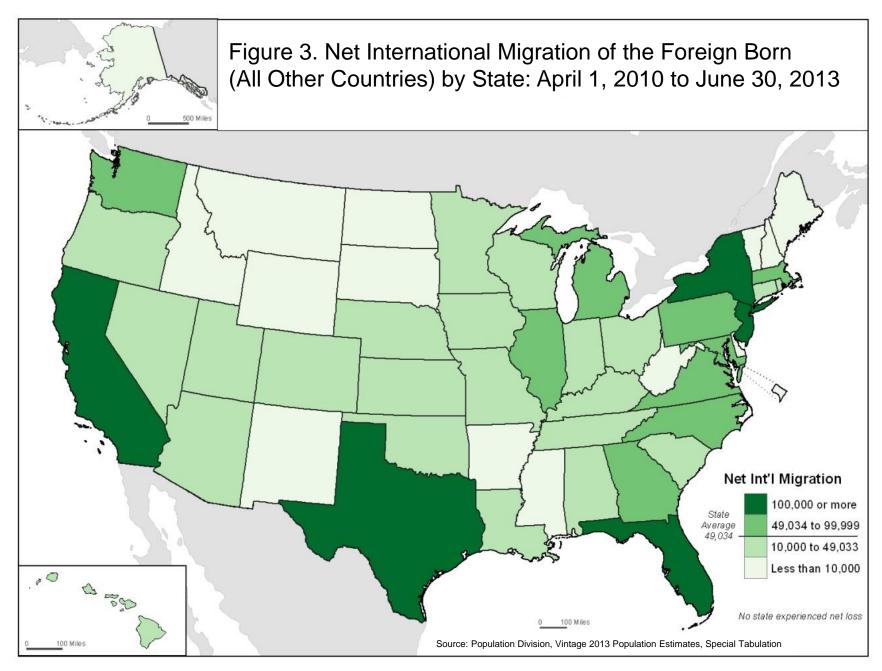


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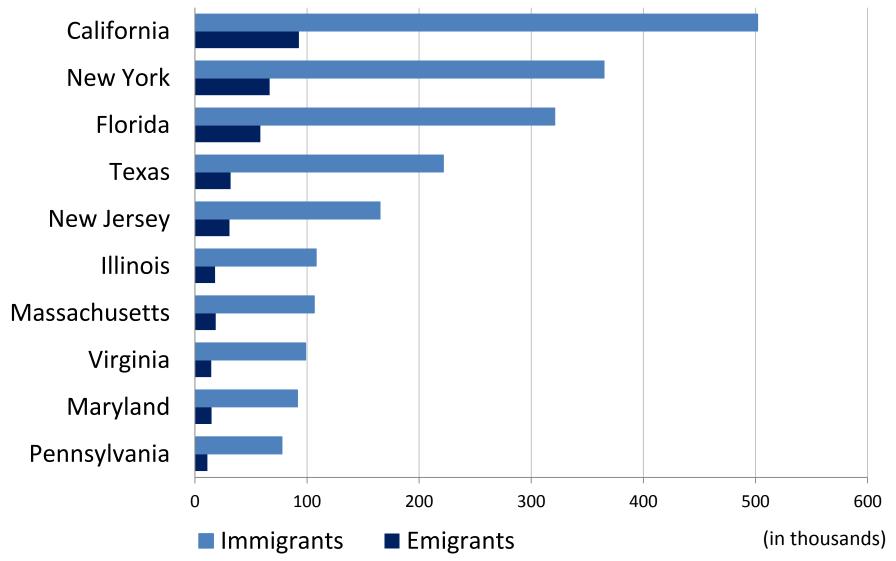
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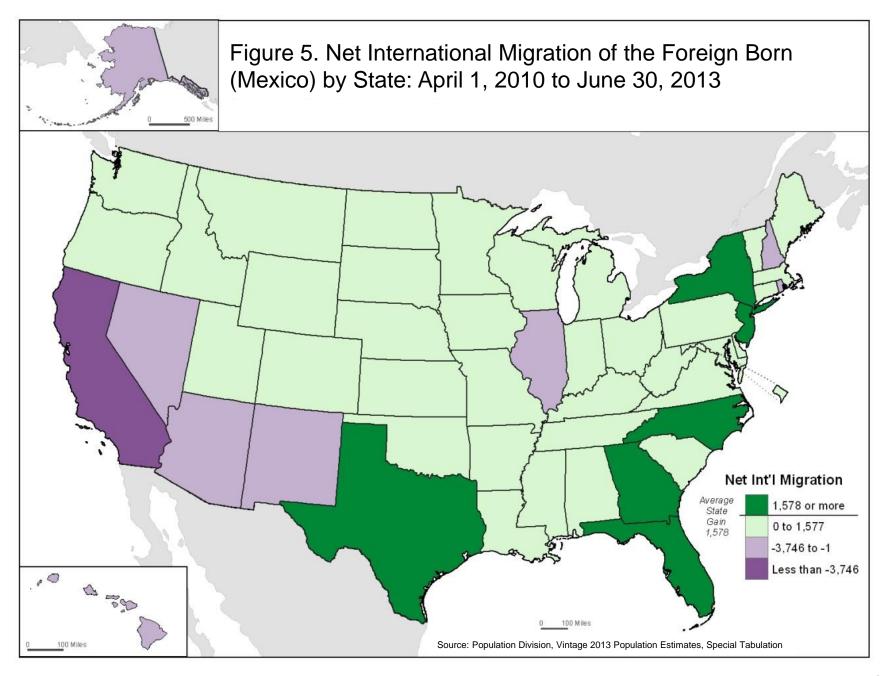
## Methodology: States & Counties

- Distributions by geography and characteristics:
  - States: 3-year ACS
  - Counties: 5-year ACS
- Apply distributions to national NIM subcomponents
- State- and County-level estimates sum to the national estimate for each subcomponent



**Figure 4.** Foreign-Born Migration Flows (All Other Countries) for Ten States With Largest Combined Migration: April 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013





**Figure 6.** Foreign-Born Migration Flows (Mexico) for Ten States With Largest Combined Migration: April 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013

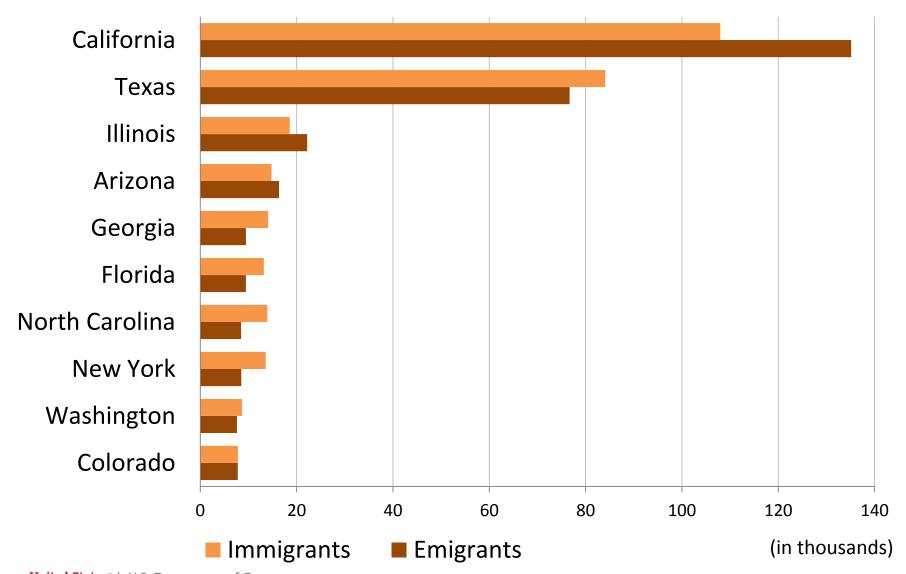
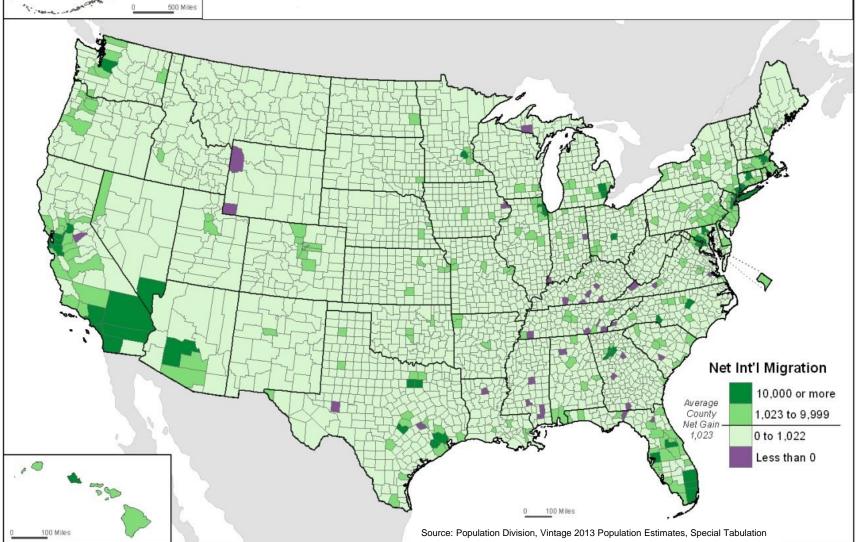




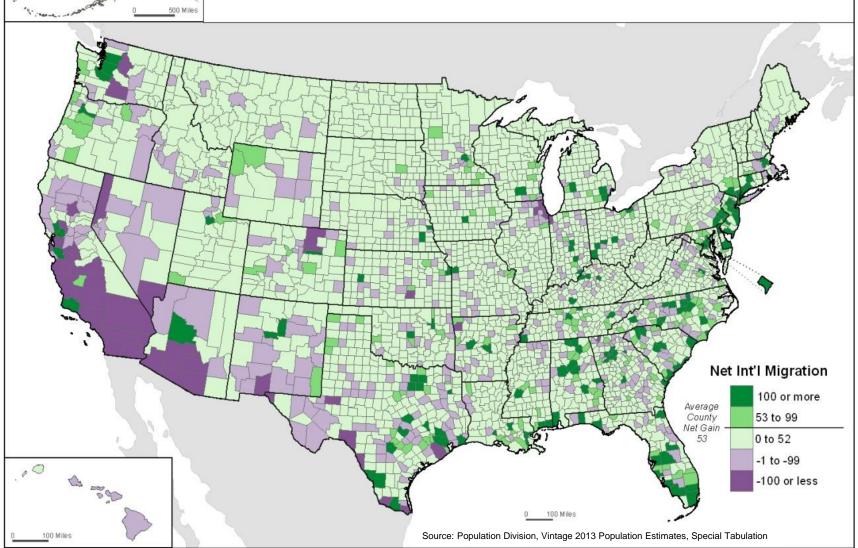


Figure 7. Net International Migration of the Foreign Born (All Other Countries) by County: April 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013



0 500 Miles

Figure 8. Net International Migration of the Foreign Born (Mexico) by County: April 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013



### **Gross (Total) Migration**

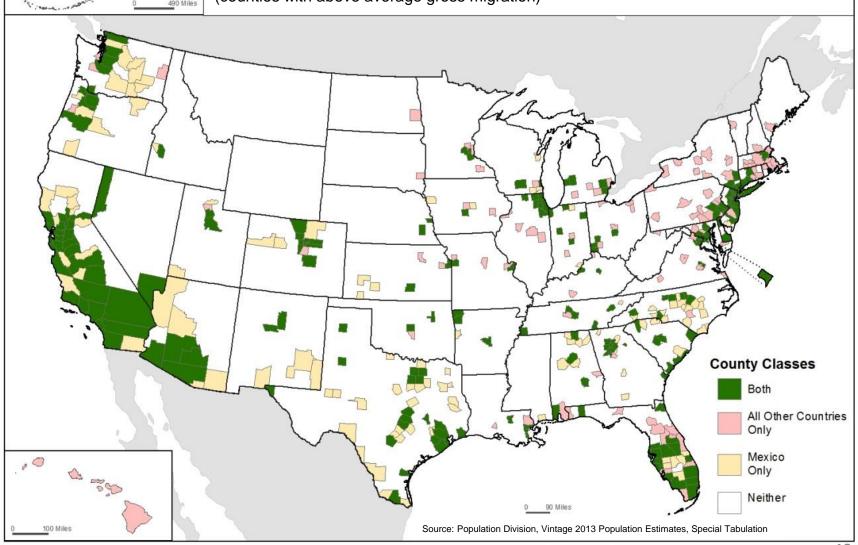
$$G = (I + E)$$

- Sum of total in- and out-migration flows
- Immigration and Emigration
- Ignores the direction of migration



Figure 9. Classification of Counties by Gross International Migration of the Foreign Born: April 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013

(counties with above average gross migration)



## Demographic Effectiveness of Foreign-Born International Migration

$$F_{FB} = \left(\frac{NIM_{FB}}{G_{FB}}\right) \times 100$$

- Net International Migration of the Foreign Born (NIM<sub>FB</sub>) and Gross Migration of the Foreign Born ( $G_{FB}$ )
- Measure of directionality:
  - 100% all migration outflow
  - 0% migration flows are equal
  - -100% all migration inflow

Sources: Shryock (1964); Plane and Rogerson (1994); Plane, Henrie and Perry (2005); Henrie and Plane (2008)

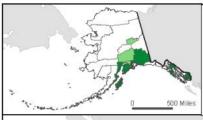


Figure 10. Effectiveness of International Migration of the Foreign Born (All Other Countries) by County: April 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013

(For counties with 50 or more gross migrants)

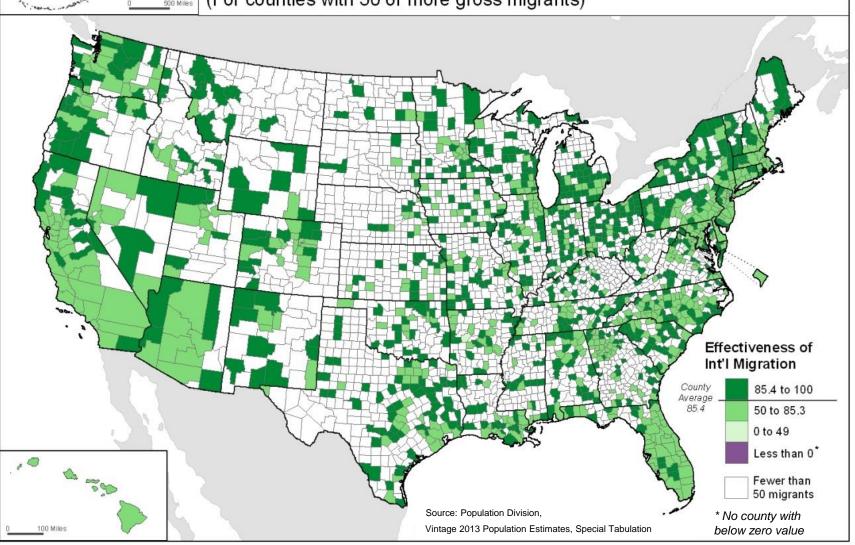
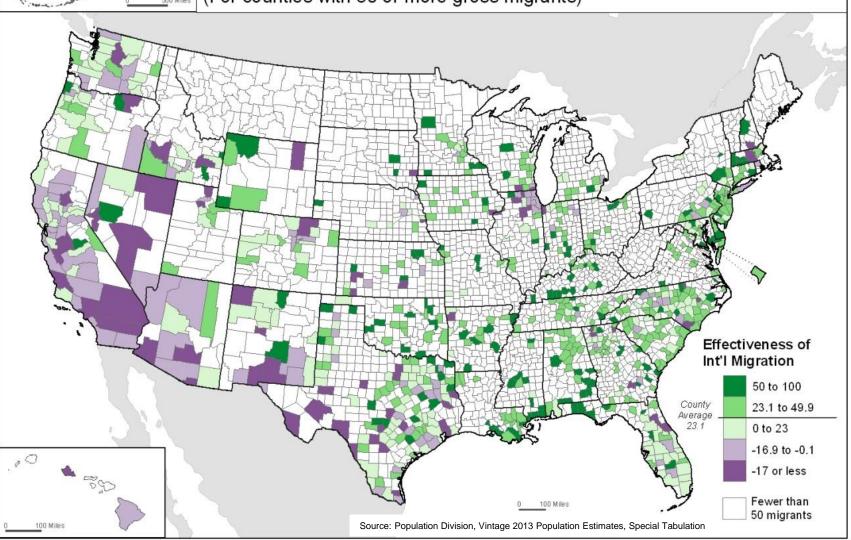




Figure 11. Effectiveness of International Migration of the Foreign Born (Mexico) by County: April 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013

(For counties with 50 or more gross migrants)



#### Conclusions

- Geographic variation in international migration
- All Other Countries distributions:
  - Net gains for most counties
  - Activity in college counties
- Mexico migration distributions:
  - Net losses experienced in the West and border counties
  - Net gains in other regions
- Future research on migration from All Other Countries category

#### **More Information**

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