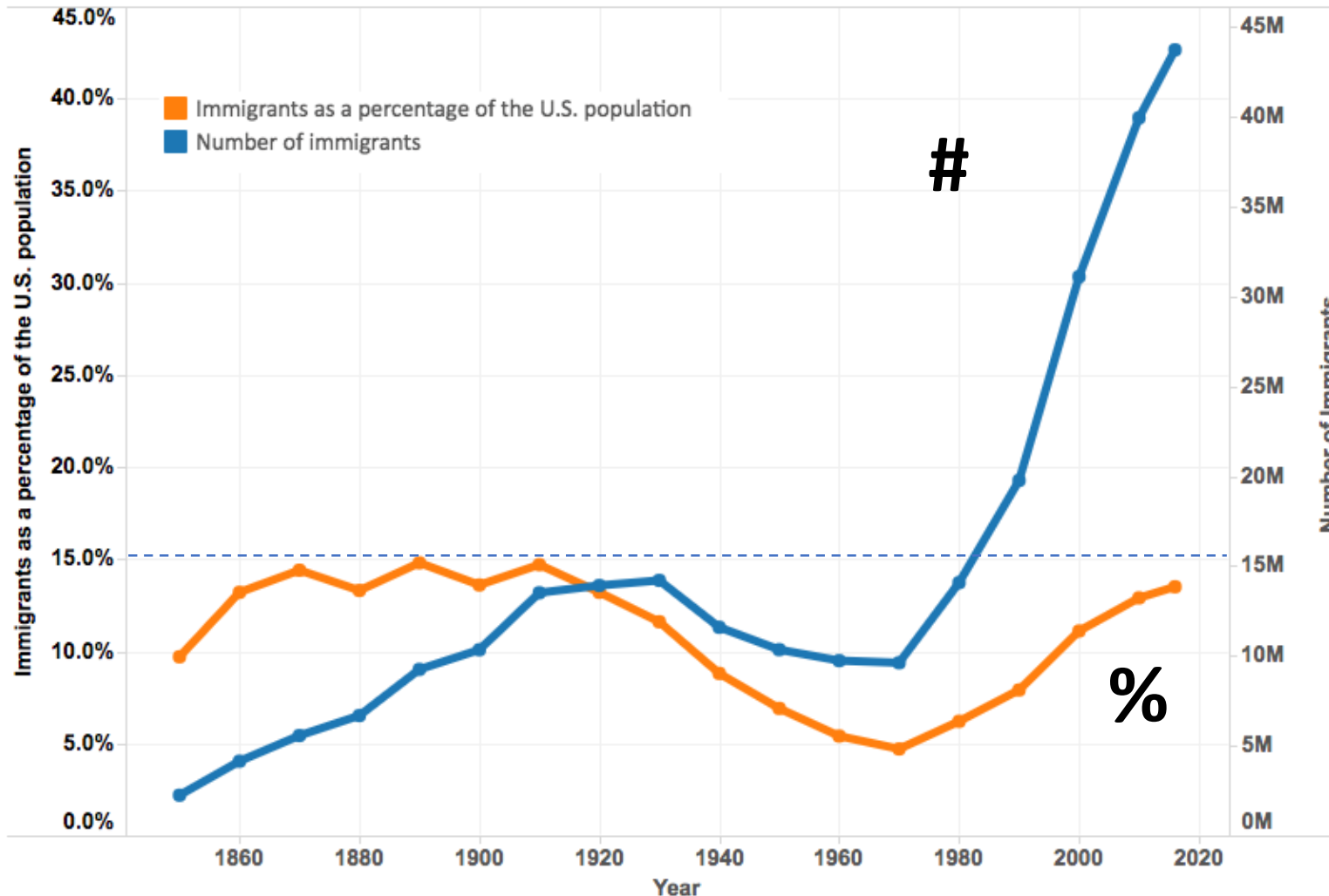


# Facts on Immigration

Number of Immigrants and Their Share of the Total U.S. Population, 1850-2016



**MYTH: "There are more immigrants today than ever before."**

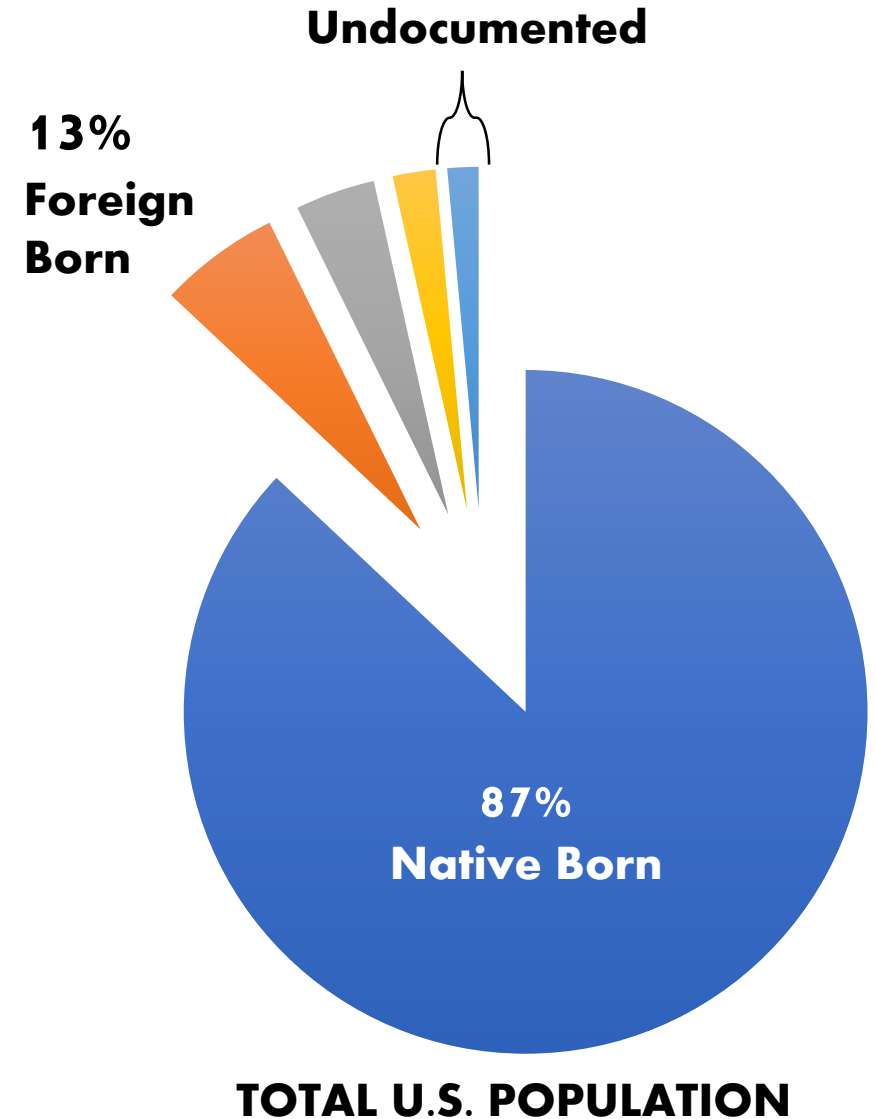
**IN FACT: In terms of the percent of population, the highest rate of immigration occurred between 1870 and 1910.**

# Facts on Immigration

**MYTH: "Most immigrants are illegal."**

## IN FACT:

- ~ 13% of US population are foreign born
- ~ 5.7% are documented immigrants
- ~ 3.8% are naturalized US citizens
- ~ 3.5% are undocumented



# Facts on Immigration

**MYTH: "Immigrants come to the US just to get handouts."**

**IN FACT:**

**Almost all social welfare benefits require documentation of legal status.**

**(i.e. food stamps, Medicare/aid, unemployment/welfare, etc.)**

**And immigrants use these benefits 25% less than native born.**

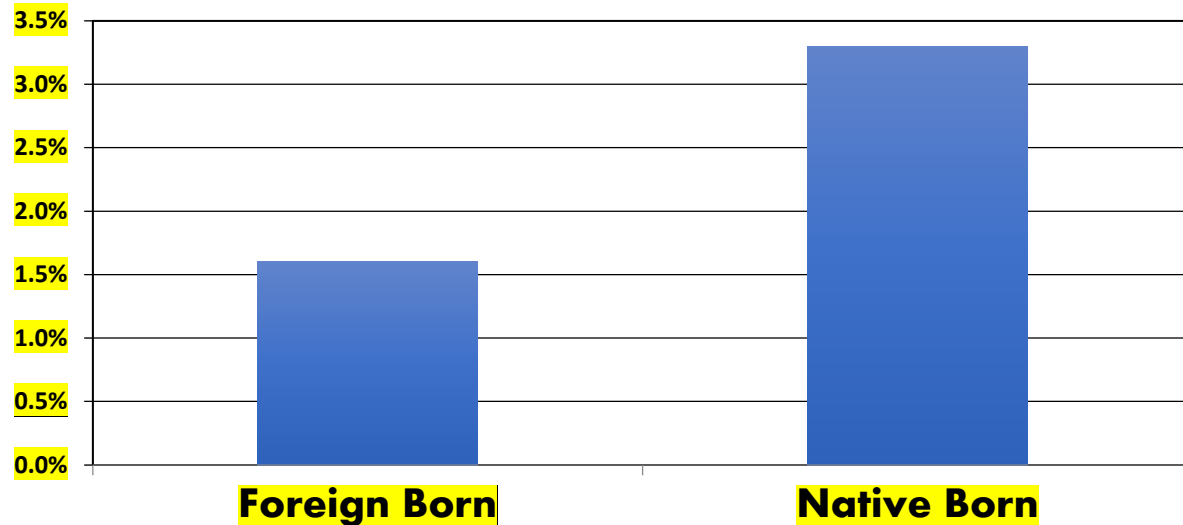


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**MYTH: "Immigrants bring crime."**

**IN FACT: In terms of incarceration:**

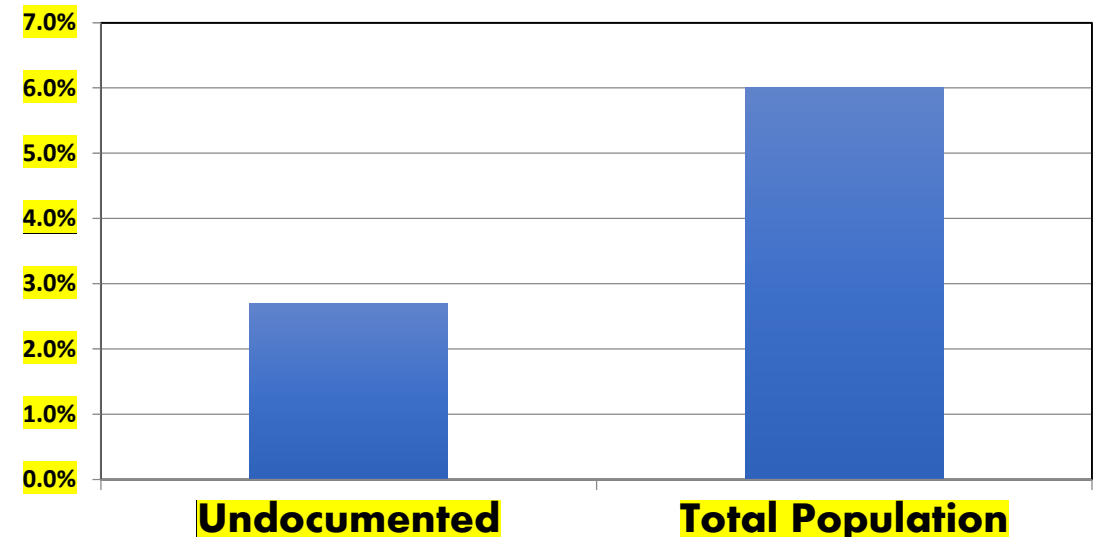
- 1.6% of foreign-born population
- 3.3% of native-born population



Source: American Immigration Council with 2010-2016 US Census data

**In terms of felony convictions:**

- 2.7% of undocumented immigrants
- 6.0% of total population



Source: New York Times referencing Migration Policy Institute 2016 data

# Facts on Immigration

**MYTH: "Immigrants steal jobs."**



**IN FACT: Studies of regions where immigrant populations have increased, show no increases in unemployment. Studies also show that immigrants are not competing for the same jobs as those who are native born.**

Figure 1: US Net Immigration (per 1000) and Unemployment Rate

