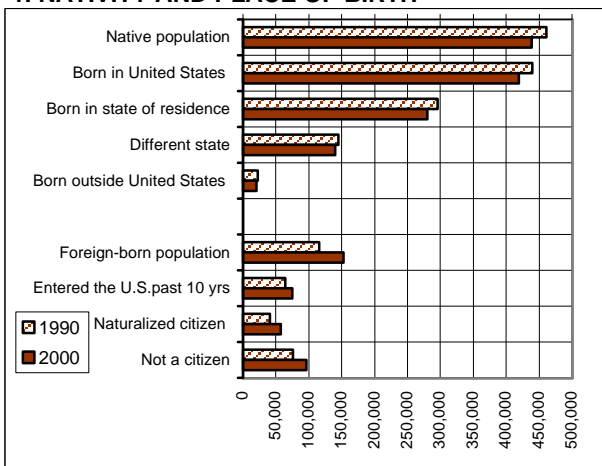




**Trends in Immigration and Language Spoken at Home:**

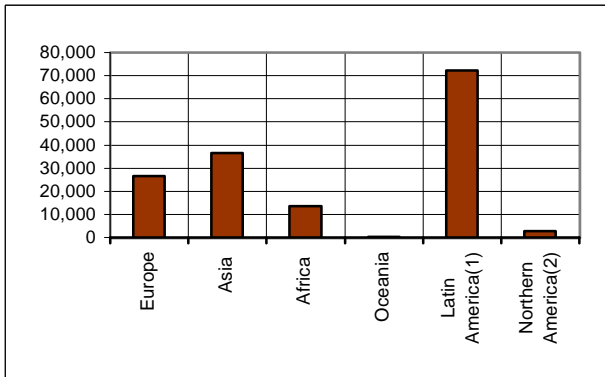
- Over 25% of Boston's population is foreign born today, up from 20% in 1990.
  - Almost half of the foreign born residents (48.5%) entered the U.S. in the past 10 years; they represent 12.5% of the residents of Boston.
  - Nearly half of the foreign born residents (47.6%) came from Latin America, followed by Asia (24%), Europe (17.5%), and Africa (9%).
- One in ten residents of the city is a naturalized citizen, up from one in fourteen ten years ago.
  - About 16% of the residents are not citizens, up from about 13% in 1990.
- Today, one-third of Boston's residents speak a language other than English, up from 25.6% in 1990; and over 16% do not speak English very well compared to 13% in 1990.
  - Almost 14% of the residents speak Spanish, compared to less than 10% ten years ago; and over 6% speak an Asian language, up from a little more than 4% in 1990.
  - About half of those who speak Spanish do not speak English very well; while about two-thirds of those who speak an Asian language do not speak English very well.
- Almost 30% of the people in Boston did not live here in 1995; about the same percentage as ten years previously.
  - On the other hand, nearly half of the residents of the city lived in the same house five years before the 2000 census.
  - Less than half of the people in the city (47.4%) were born in Massachusetts compared to more than 51% in 1990.

**1. NATIVITY AND PLACE OF BIRTH**



Subject	1990 number	% share	2000 number	% share
<b>Total population</b>	<b>574,283</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>589,141</b>	<b>100</b>
Native population	459,686	80.0	437,305	74.2
Born in United States	438,764	76.4	418,146	71.0
Born in state of residence	294,360	51.3	279,411	47.4
Different state	144,404	25.1	138,735	23.5
Born outside United States	20,922	3.6	19,159	3.3
Foreign-born population	114,597	20.0	151,836	25.8
Entered the U.S. past 10 yrs	63,365	11.0	73,670	12.5
Naturalized citizen	39,453	6.9	56,681	9.6
Not a citizen	75,144	13.1	95,155	16.2

## 2. REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN



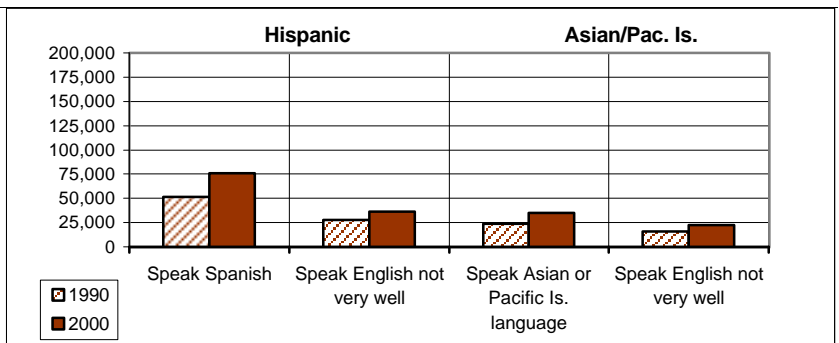
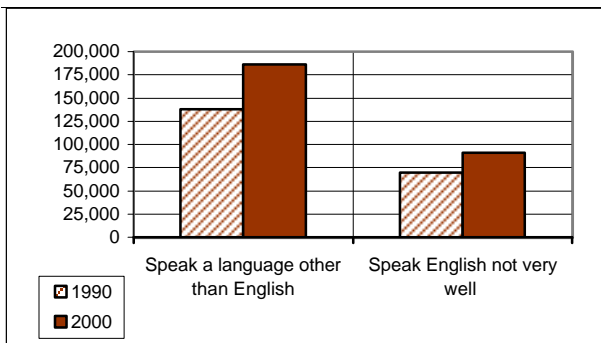
Subject	2000 number	% share
Total (excluding born at sea)	151,831	100
Europe	26,535	17.5
Asia	36,435	24.0
Africa	13,612	9.0
Oceania	364	0.2
Latin America(1)	72,207	47.6
Northern America(2)	2,678	1.8

1 - Caribbean, Central America including Mexico, and South America

2 - North America, Canada, Greenland, Bermuda, St. Pierre & Miquelon Is.

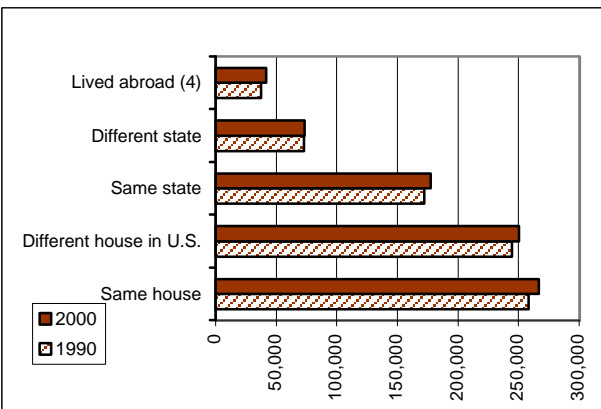
## 3. LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME

Subject	1990 number	% Subject share	2000 number	% share	
<b>Persons 5 years and over</b>	<b>538,511</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Population 5 years and over</b>	<b>557,376</b>	<b>100</b>
English only	400,756	74.4	English only	371,185	66.6
Speak a language other than English	137,755	25.6	Language other than English	186,191	33.4
Speak English not very well	69,590	12.9	Speak English less than very well (3)	91,062	16.3
Speak Spanish	51,233	9.5	Speak Spanish	75,711	13.6
Speak English not very well	27,619	5.1	Speak English less than very well	36,310	6.5
Speak Asian or Pacific Is. language	23,911	4.4	Asian and Pacific Island languages	34,765	6.2
Speak English not very well	15,646	2.9	Speak English less than very well	22,157	4.0
			Other Indo-European languages	67,706	12.1
			Speak English less than very well	29,682	5.3



Note: (3) "Do not speak very well" is equivalent to "speak less than very well"

## 4. RESIDENCE 5 YEARS AGO



Subject	1985 number	% share	1995 number	% share
<b>Persons 5 years and over</b>	<b>538,511</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>557,376</b>	<b>100</b>
Same house	257,536	47.8	266,242	47.8
Different house in U.S.	244,214	45.3	249,805	44.8
Same state	171,597	31.9	176,868	31.7
Same county	128,445	23.9	124,778	22.4
Different county	43,152	8.0	52,090	9.3
Different state	72,617	13.5	72,937	13.1
Lived abroad (4)	36,761	6.8	41,329	7.4

Note:

(4) Census Bureau changed "Lived abroad in 1985" to "Lived Elsewhere in 1995".