

**CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU IN THE AREA OF  
INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION STATISTICS**

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In accordance with the U.S. Census Bureau's strategic objective to provide accurate, timely, and relevant data, the U.S. Census Bureau is pleased to announce the release of the 2018 Annual Report on International Migration Statistics (CENSU858gtt).

A set of detailed tabulations titled *Foreign-Born Population in the United States: March 2004* was released in early 2005 and provides a profile of demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of the foreign-born population based on data collected in the Current Population Survey (CPS). The CPS is a monthly survey of about 50,000 households conducted by the Census Bureau for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The survey has been conducted for more than 50 years and is the primary source of information on the labor force characteristics of the U.S. population.

The Census Bureau has also produced tabulations of the foreign-born population in the United States, including information about their demographic, social, and economic characteristics, for international organizations such as the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

### C. IMPACT OF IMMIGRATION

The Census Bureau has begun evaluating the validity, reliability, and utility of survey questions that are related to the measurement of international migration. The Census Bureau began working on preliminary proposals for changes to the place of birth, citizenship status, and year of entry questions on the American Community Survey (ACS) for further evaluation in a national content (field) test in 2006. The Census Bureau has completed cognitive tests of these proposed changes to the ACS and expects results of these tests by April 2005.

The Census Bureau was also involved in working groups and technical meetings with the United Nations' Statistics Division and Population Division, in efforts to increase international dialogue on defining international migration and improving its measurement.