

# IMMIGRATION AND ELLIS ISLAND

Ellis Island was the single largest, most active immigration station for people seeking the American dream. Learn about it and the other major ports of entry and what information we can get from them.



## ELLIS ISLAND AND CASTLE GARDEN

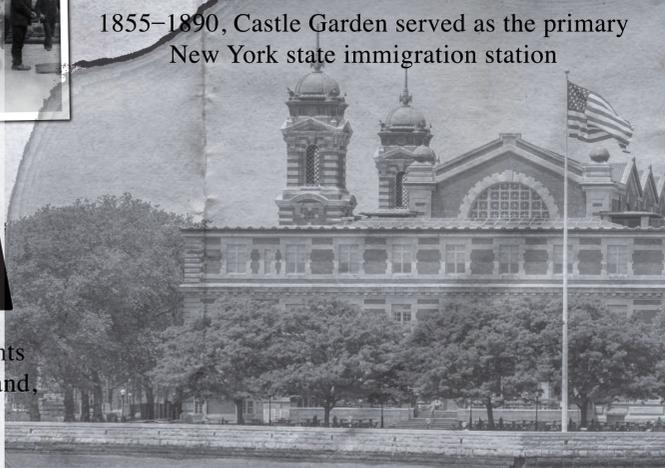


### 8 MILLION

1855–1890, Castle Garden served as the primary New York state immigration station

### 12M

Number of immigrants processed at Ellis Island, 1892–1954



### 17–30

average age of immigrants (years old)

### 11,747

immigrants processed in one day in 1907

### 500

babies were born on Ellis Island

**ON JUNE 14, 1897, A FIRE DESTROYED MOST OF THE PASSENGER RECORDS.**

# 40%

of all U.S. residents can trace heritage back to Ellis Island

## BEYOND NEW YORK

Immigrants entered the United States through over 150 official ports of entry, not only Ellis Island. Learn about the 5 major ports and how many immigrants came through between 1820 and 1920.

### SAN FRANCISCO

#### 500,000

By far, the majority of immigrants who sailed to San Francisco were Asian. Chinese immigrants arrived by ship in San Francisco to work in the Californian gold rush and in construction of the transcontinental railroad.

### BALTIMORE

#### 1,500,000

Baltimore became a major port of immigration thanks in large part to the construction of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which linked the port of Baltimore to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

### PHILADELPHIA

#### 1,200,000

Founded in 1682, Philadelphia grew to become Boston's rival in shipping and, for a time, was the leading port of immigration in North America until New York rose to prominence.



### NEW ORLEANS

#### 710,000

The development of steamboat travel along the Mississippi River made New Orleans the best way to access America's western interior. Immigration through New Orleans became a rival to the major east coast ports.

### BOSTON

#### 2,000,000

Boston experienced a major influx of immigrants in the mid-nineteenth century, as Irish famine immigrants found cheap passage there. By 1879, Boston became established as a distant second to New York.

## WHAT CAN YOU LEARN FROM IMMIGRATION RECORDS?



WHAT FAMILY MEMBERS DID THEY TRAVEL WITH?

### DID THEIR NAME CHANGE AFTER THEY IMMIGRATED?

WHAT SHIP DID THEY TRAVEL ON, AND WHEN DID IT ARRIVE?

### WHAT COUNTRY DID YOUR FAMILY TRAVEL FROM?



Search for immigrant ancestors in complete Ellis Island and Port of New York Records for FREE.

## FAMILYSEARCH.ORG

### 1820–1957

years covered in the immigration records

### 18,000,000

images in the immigration records

# 129 MILLION

searchable (indexed) names contained in the immigration records

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