

IMMIGRATION RESOURCES

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Useful Tool When Searching Resources

- [Media Bias / Fact Check: The Most Comprehensive Media Bias Resource](#)

Fact Sheets, Infographics & Definitions

- American Civil Liberties Union
 - [Operation Streamline Issue Brief](#)
- American Immigration Council
 - [The Cost of Immigration Enforcement and Border Security](#) – January 20, 2021
 - [Immigrant Fact Sheet: State-by-State](#)
 - [Immigrants in the United States](#) – August 6, 2020
 - [Why Don't Immigrants Apply for Citizenship?](#) – November 25, 2019
- HIAS
 - [HIAS Report Maps Process for Ending MPP, the “Humanitarian Disaster”](#) – January 27, 2021
- Hope Border Institute
 - [No Queda de Otra: An Exploration of the Root Causes of Migration to the Southern Border](#) - 2021
 - [Guide to Asylum at the Border](#) – 2019
 - [Guide to “Remain in Mexico”](#) – 2019
- International Rescue Committee
 - [Is it legal to cross the U.S. border to seek asylum?](#) – March 1, 2019
- Migration Policy Institute
 - [Frequently Requested Statistics on Immigrants and Immigration in the United States](#) – February 14, 2020
- National Immigrant Justice Center
 - [Who has custody?](#) – August 2019
- New American Economy
 - [Map the Impact: Comprehensive State & Local Immigration Data](#) – Updated regularly
- United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) via Business Insider
 - [Immigration Pathways](#) – 2018

Audio / Podcasts

- [A Bridge Apart](#) : Over 5 years in the making, this 56-minute film puts a human face on the migrants who travel north in search of work or refuge. It showcases the hometowns that migrants are leaving behind, remote areas in Central America, where striking beauty and extreme poverty coexist. Equally important, the film shows how economic development in these countries can provide alternatives to migration, allowing families and communities to stay intact. – Virginia Wolf (2014)

- [American Coyote](#) – Imperative Entertainment and Pegalo Pictures (2020-2021)
- [Border Trilogy](#) – Radiolab (2018)
- [Children on the move in Central America](#) – [Save the Children Documentary](#) (January 7, 2021)
- [Cindy & Dayana](#): Cindy Carcamo, a veteran L.A. Times immigration reporter, has interviewed scores of immigrant families separated by U.S. policies. But she had never publicly shared her own separation story. For “This American Life” she bravely shifted the focus to the personal: interviewing her sister about the years when she was left behind in Guatemala, considering the wrenching decisions her parents had to make, and exploring their consequences and the trauma that passed to the next generation. – This American Life (June 11, 2021)
- [Fuego a las Fronteras: Sueñan las migrantes](#) – Sueña Dignidad (September 19, 2020)
 - [Sueña Dignidad Podcast](#) – Sueña Dignidad (Began September 2020)
- [Stories of Belonging](#) – Ad Council & Partners (2021)
- [The Out Crowd: Remain in Mexico Overview](#) (1st Pulitzer Prize-winning radio show) – This American Life (May 15, 2020)
- [Where We Come From: Our Histories. Our Voices.](#) – NPR (2021)
- [Witness Radio](#) – Witness at the Border (2020)

Videos / Documentaries

- [A 3 Minute Hug](#) – Netflix (2019)
- [Immigration Nation](#) – Netflix (2020)
 - [Ally Guide to Immigration Nation](#) – Never Again Action
- [The Office of Missing Children](#): 7-minute video – Reveal (2019)
- [Paper Children \(Niños de papel\) | Inside America’s Overwhelmed Asylum System](#) – Real Stories (June 25, 2020)
- [Separated: Children at the Border](#) – Frontline Documentary, PBS (July 31, 2018)
- [Targeting El Paso](#) – Frontline Documentary, PBS (January 7, 2020)
- [Teaching about Refugees](#): Short Informational Videos – UNHCR

Print (examples from a few print media sources that consistently provide strong investigative journalism on immigration issues):

- American Immigration Council: Immigration Impact
 - [Charting a Course to Rebuild and Strengthen the US Refugee Admissions Program](#) – December 2020
 - [Measuring In Absentia Removal in Immigration Court](#) – January 28, 2021
 - [ICE Tells Parents to Separate From Their Children or Risk Indefinite Detention Together](#) – May 19, 2020
- Center for Migration Studies
 - [Border Enforcement Developments Since 1993 and How to Change CBP](#) – August 24, 2020
- Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service
 - [Alternatives to ICE Detention for Non-Citizens of the United States](#) – Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, January 27, 2021
- Puente News Collaborative
 - Part 1: [Indigenous diaspora: Leaving home and the journey across Mexico](#) – May 10, 2021
 - Part 2: [Reaching the border, untracked in the U.S. immigration system](#) – May 11, 2021
 - Part 3: [Expelled to Northern Mexico and invisible in U.S. immigration courts](#) – May 12, 2021
- Reason Magazine
 - [Trump and Obama Each Break Records on Bad Immigration Policy](#) – November 19, 2019

- [There Is No Line](#) – January 2020
- Teen Vogue
 - [After ICE Detention Center Whistleblower Report, Immigration Advocates Continue Calls for Shutting Down Detention Centers](#) – September 16, 2020
 - [What It's Like to Be a Teen Living in an Immigration Detention Center](#) – February 16, 2017
- The Conversation
 - [How crossing the US-Mexico border became a crime](#) – April 30, 2017
- The Hill
 - [Six steps to prevent continued crises at the US-Mexico border](#) – May 14, 2021
- The Nation
 - [We All Move: The science and politics of migration](#) – March 8, 2021
- The New Yorker
 - [The Deportation Machine: A Citizen Trapped in the System](#) – April 29, 2013
 - [The Underground Railroad for Refugees](#) – March 6, 2017

Books: Related to general immigration, immigration myths, refugees, and asylum seekers, push and pull factors, etc. from books written in the 1960s to present (in alphabetical order)

- Book Lists
 - [21 Must-Read Books about Immigration](#) – Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services
 - [K-12 Study Guide on Immigration and Refugees](#) – San Antonio Public Library
 - [Summer Reading List: Immigrant Authors](#) – The Welcoming Center
 - [The Lit Club](#) – New American Economy
- *"They Take Our Jobs!" and 20 Other Myths About Immigration* – Aviva Chomsky
- *A is for Asylum Seeker: Words for People on the Move / A de Asilo: Palabras para Personas en Movimiento* – Rachel Ida Buff (author) & Alejandra Oliva (translator)
- *Anti-immigrant Sentiments, Actions, and Policies: The North American Region and the European Union* – Mónica Vereá
- *Bitter Fruit: The Untold Story of the American Coup in Guatemala* – Stephen Schlesinger and Stephen Kinzer
- *Desafiando Fronteras: Control de la movilidad y experiencias migratorias en el contexto capitalista* – Alejandra Aquino, Amarela Varela y Frédéric Décosse, coordinadores
- *Deterring Democracy* – Noam Chomsky
- *Drug War Mexico: Politics, Neoliberalism and Violence in the New Narcoeconomy* – Peter Watt and Roberto Zepeda
- *Exit West* – Mohsin Hamid
- *Guerras necropolíticas y biopolítica de asilo en América del Norte* – Ariadna Estévez
- *Hear My Voice/Escucha Mi Voz: The Testimonies of Children Detained at the Southern Border of the United States* – Warren Binford (compiler) & Michael Garcia Bochenek (foreword)
- *Latin America: History, Politics, and U.S. Policy* – James D. Cockcroft
- *The Line Becomes a River* - Francisco Cantú
- *Migración internacional y derechos humanos* – Jorge A. Bustamante
- *Once I Was You: A Memoir of Love and Hate in a Torn America* – Maria Hinojosa
- *One Mighty and Invisible Tide: The Epic Struggle Over American Immigration 1924- 1965* – Jia Lynn Yang
- *Separated: Inside an American Tragedy* – Jacob Soboroff
- *The Deportation Machine: America's Long History of Expelling Immigrants* – Adam Goodman
- *The God Who Sees: Immigrants, The Bible and the Journey to Belong* – Karen Gonzalez

- *The Guarded Gate: Bigotry, Eugenics and the Law That Kept Two Generations of Jews, Italians, and Other European Immigrants Out of America* – Daniel Okrent
- *The Refugees* – Viet Thanh Nguyen
- *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* – Mohsin Hamid
- *The Sympathizer* – Viet Thanh Nguyen
- *The U.S. Invasion of Panama: The Truth Behind Operation 'Just Cause'* – Independent Commission of Inquiry on the U.S. Invasion of Panama
- *The Uses of Haiti* – Paul Farmer
- *The Wretched of the Earth* – Frantz Fanon
- *What is the What: The Autobiography of Valentino Achak Deng* – Dave Eggers

Educational Sessions

- [5-Lesson Online Email Course](#) – Pew Research Center
- [Borderland: Road Trip Along the U.S./México Border](#) – NPR
- [eCourse | Updated 2021! eCourse on the 2019 Minimum Standards for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action \(CPMS\)](#) – The Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action
- [Root Causes of Migration from Central America](#) – Alianza Americas (2021)
- [Teaching about Refugees](#) – UNHCR
- [Virtual Book Series: Insightful Interviews with Immigration Authors](#) – Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service

Toolkits / Resources

- [Advocacy Toolkit](#) – Immigration Justice Campaign
- [Immigrants in Minnesota: Fact Sheet](#) – American Immigration Council
- [Taste of Belonging Cookbook & Toolkit](#) – Welcoming America
- [Transformed Community: Freed and Empowered for Radical Welcome](#) – ELCA's AMMPARO Strategy, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service, Lutheran Outdoor Ministries

Websites & Electronic Mailing Lists (tend to provide accurate, consistent immigration coverage)

- [Al Otro Lado](#)
- [American Immigration Council](#)
- [American Immigration Lawyers Association](#)
- [Border Report](#)
- [Border Servant Corps](#)
- [Cato Institute: Immigration](#)
- [Center for Migration Studies](#)
- [Center on Immigration & Child Welfare](#)
- [Fontera List](#)
- [Hope Border Institute](#)
- [Human Rights First](#)
- [Immigrant Learning Center](#)
- [LAND: Latin America News Dispatch](#)
- [Latin America Working Group](#)
- [Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service](#) – Sign up located at bottom of page
- [Migration Policy Institute](#)
- [Save the Children Action Network](#)
- [U.S. Immigration & Policy Center](#)

ALL of the following resources were provided through a publication by [Migratory Notes](#) on June 24, 2021

Immigration Resources & Opportunities

Coronavirus Resources

- [Immigrants in COVID America](#) documents the health, economic and social impact of COVID-19. (Immigrant History Research Center)
- [Database of more than 200 COVID relief funds that are accessible to refugees and other immigrants](#), including without legal status. (IRAP)
- [Updates on immigration developments during COVID-19](#) (Center for Migration Studies)
- [Map of detention centers tracking coronavirus outbreaks](#) (Freedom for Immigrants)
- [COVID-19 resources for undocumented immigrants](#) (UndocuScholars)
- [Database of likely deportation flights during the pandemic](#) (Center for Economic and Policy Research)
- [Informed Immigrant](#) is an online resource that provides information for undocumented immigrant communities in the U.S. during the coronavirus.

Recently released immigration books and films(got one, [send it over](#))

- [Driving while Brown: Sheriff Joe Arpaio versus the Latino Resistance](#) by Terry Greene Sterling and Jude Joffe-Block (April 2021)
- [A Nation of Immigrants](#), second edition, by Susan F. Martin (March 2021)
- [Faces of Courage: Ten Years of Building Sanctuary](#) photography by Harvey Finkle (2021)
- [The Shadow of El Centro: A History of Migrant Incarceration and Solidarity](#) by Jessica Ordaz (January 2021)
- [Futbol in the Park: Immigrants, Soccer, and the Creation of Social Ties](#) by David Trouille (January 2021)
- [After the Last Border: Two Families and the Story of Refuge in America](#) by Jessica Goudeau (September 2020)
- [Next Migration: The Beauty and Terror of Life on the Move](#) by Sonia Shah argues [climate change migration is a solution rather than a crisis](#). (August 2020)
- [Unforgetting: A Memoir of Family, Migration, Gangs, and Revolution in the Americas](#) by Roberto Lovato. (September 2020)
- [Hatemonger: Stephen Miller, Donald Trump, and the White Nationalist Agenda](#) by Jean Guerrero (August 2020)
- [Separated: Inside an American Tragedy](#) by NBC correspondent Jacob Soboroff tells the story of the long-term impact of the family separation policy on families. (July 2020)
- [14 Miles: Building the Border Wall](#) by DW Gibson covers the repercussions of the wall in San Diego. (July 2020)
- ["USA V Scott"](#) a documentary that depicts the moral dilemma facing Arizona residents, who must decide whether or not to help desperate migrants they come across, using the case of activist Scott Warren as a case study.
- [The Deportation Machine: America's Long History of Expelling Immigrants](#) by Adam Goodman. The book examines how public officials have used different forms of deportations and

expulsion “to purge immigrants from the country and exert control over those who remain.” (June 2020)

- [One Mighty and Irresistible Tide: The Epic Struggle Over American Immigration, 1924-1965](#) by Jia Lynn Yang, chronicles the major changes in U.S. immigration policy in the 20th century and their profound impact on immigrant families including her own. (May 2020)
- [The Dispossessed: A Story of Asylum at the US-Mexican Border and Beyond](#) by John Washington. The book takes an in-depth look at the Trump administration’s attack on asylum, told through the story of one Salvadoran dad, Arnovis. (May 2020)
- [Migranhood: Youth in a New Era of Deportation](#), by anthropologist Lauren Heidbrink, chronicles deportation from the perspectives of Indigenous youth who migrate unaccompanied from Guatemala. (April 2020)

Reporting Initiatives about Immigrant Communities

- [Borderless](#): a non-profit online magazine reimagining coverage of the immigration system.
- [Documented](#): a non-profit news site covering immigrants in New York.
- [Ethnic Media Services](#): organization that works with ethnic media organizations to improve coverage and reach.
- [Feet In Two Worlds](#): project that tells immigrant stories and provides fellowships for immigrant journalists.
- [Finding American](#): a collaboration between documentary photographer Colin Boyd Shafer and immigrants to feature their stories.
- [The Immigrant Story](#): a project between journalists, photographers, graphic designers and developers to document and archive immigrants’ stories.
- [ImmPrint](#): an online publication by and for people affected by immigrant detention.
- [New Michigan Media](#): a network of ethnic and minority media across the state of Michigan.
- [Newest Americans](#): a multimedia collaboration between journalists, media-makers, artists, faculty and students telling the stories of the immigrant and immigrant communities in Newark, NJ.
- [Refugees \(Santa Fe Dreamers Project\)](#): a collection of testimonies from asylum seekers in partnership with the New Mexico Immigrant Law Center.

Newsletters, Podcasts, & Facebook Groups

- [Port of Entry](#) is a podcast about cross-border stories that connect us. Border people often inhabit this in-between place. From KPBS and PRX, “Port of Entry” tells personal stories from this place.
- [Routed Magazine](#) curates a bi-monthly newsletter on news in migration and mobility.
- [Immigrant & Democracy](#) from Harvard University’s immigration initiative.
- [Detention Dispatches](#) by Capital & Main follows the conditions in ICE detention centers during the pandemic.
- [In The Thick](#) podcast covers the coronavirus impact on immigrant communities from Chelsea, MA to the Bronx, New York.
- [Nuestro South](#) is a podcast exploring the experiences of Latinx people in the U.S. south.
- Salvadoran investigative media outlet [El Faro](#) has launched an English-language newsletter with reporting from Central America.
- [¿Qué Pasa, Midwest?](#) Podcast tells stories of Latino life “from the homeland to the heartland.”

- [Frontera Dispatch](#) is a weekly newsletter by the Hope Border Institute on news and analysis from the border.
- [BIB Daily Edition](#) is a free aggregation of “inside immigration news” (court cases, new regulations and the like) and “outside news” (culled from the mainstream and not-so-mainstream media).
- Center for Migration Studies [Migration Update](#) is a weekly digest of news, faith reflections, and analysis of international migration and refugee protection.
- [Migration Information Source](#) from the Migration Policy Institute offers a series of newsletters.
- Documented NY’s [Early Arrival](#) newsletter aggregates information on immigration in New York and nationally.
- Politico’s [Morning Shift](#) newsletter: a daily read on employment and immigration.
- [Tempest Tossed](#), a podcast with “conversations on immigration and refugees that go beyond the predictable soundbites.”
- [Displaced](#), a podcast from the International Rescue Committee.
- [A is for America](#) America’s Voice discusses immigrant politics and organizing.
- [Only in America](#) National Immigration Forum’s podcast about the people behind immigration issues.

Curriculum & Campaigns

- [Doctors for Immigrants](#) released a toolkit to welcome and protect immigrants within the healthcare system.
- [We Have Rights](#) is a campaign to educate immigrants about rights in encounters with ICE
- [Ecologies of Migrant Care](#) has collected nearly 100 interviews with migrants, activists, academics and other immigration experts to shed light on the reasons why Central Americans flee and detail the networks that have developed to help them along their journey.
- [Moving Stories](#) is an app and curriculum to capture and share immigrant stories.
- [Re-imagining Migration](#) has resources and lessons to teach about migration, immigration, refugees, and civic empowerment through history, literature, and the sciences
- The [Advocates for Human Rights](#) and the [Immigration History Research Center at UMN](#) free curriculum that helps students learn about U.S. immigration through personal narratives: [Teaching Immigration with the Immigrant Stories Project](#)
- Freedom for Immigrants publishes an [Immigration Detention Syllabus](#)

Reporting resources, tools and tips

- [Higher Ed Immigration Portal](#): A new digital platform that integrates data, policies, and resources about DACA and undocumented, other immigrant, international, and refugee students.
- [Frequently Requested Statistics on Immigrants and Immigration in the United States](#) (Migration Policy Institute)
- The Immigrant Defense project created a [style guide](#) for journalists reporting on immigration.
- [Digital First Responders](#): A database, report, and case study of how immigrant news outlets are innovating to serve their communities. (Center for Community Media).
- Journalists who have been targeted for their work can send incident reports through the online platform of [Press Freedom Tracker](#).

- **[No Refuge](#)** from Council on Foreign Relations' InfoGuide series, includes an interactive map of origin and destination countries for refugees, and policy options that can help refugees and support host states.
- **[Covering Immigration Enforcement](#)** webinar from Poynter with Marshall Project contributing writer Julia Preston.
- **[Tools for covering ICE](#)** from the Columbia Journalism Review
- **[Migration Reporting Resources](#)** (Global Investigative Journalism Network)
- **[Resources for Investigating Visas](#)** (Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting)
- **[Reporting on Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Immigrants](#)** (90 Days, 90 Voices)
- **[Immigration Data Resources](#)**: An extensive, and growing, list of immigration resources curated by Angilee Shah.