



Immigrant performance, assimilation and integration; second generation

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 - *Labor Economics*
 - *Economics of Migration*

Keynote speakers

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Study Materials and Reading List

- Slides of the lectures
- All materials provided on: <http://home.cerge-ei.cz/pytlikova/LaborSpring18/>

Compulsory Readings:

- Sweetman, A. and van Ours, J.C.(2014): "[Immigration: What about the children and grandchildren?](#)" In Chiswick, B.R. and Miller, P.W. (eds) *Handbook of the Economics of International Migration* Amsterdam.
- Part II on "Immigrant Selection and Assimilation" In Bansak, Simpson and Zavodny (2015): "*The Economics of Immigration*". Chapters 5 and 6.

Other Relevant Literature:

- Chiswick, B.R. (1978): "The effect of Americanization on the earnings of foreign-born men" *Journal of Political Economy* 86(5), pp.897-921.
- Abramitzky, R. Boustan L.P. and K. Eriksson (2014): "[A Nation of Immigrants: Assimilation and Economic Outcomes in the Age of Mass Migration](#)". *Journal of Political Economy*, 122(30), pp 467-506.
- Aydemir and Skuterud: (2005): "Explaining the deteriorating entry of earnings of Canada's immigrant cohorts, 1966-2000: *Canadian Journal of Economics* 38(2), pp. 641-672.
- Borjas, G.J.(2015): "[The slowdown in the economic assimilation of immigrants: Aging and cohort effects revisited again](#)" *Journal of Human Capital* 9(4).
- Anderson, K.H.: [Can immigrants ever earn as much as native workers?](#) IZA World of Labor

PERFORMANCE OF IMMIGRANTS

Important (we know from the last lecture):

Selectivity – how immigrants perform relative to natives and how fast they “catch up” wrt natives

Skills transferability & transferability of occupation,

Investment into post-migration training.

- The following Qs important:
 - how do immigrants fare relative to natives? Do they integrate/assimilate into host labor markets?
 - Do skill transfer across countries?
 - Does the performance of immigrants changes over time? Is it true that recent immigrants are not performing as well as the previous immigrants?

ADJUSTMENT OF IMMIGRANTS – earnings and employment

- Immigrants typically have worse labor market outcomes than natives when they first arrive in destination and then converge towards natives over time
- Economists analyze “age/earnings” and “age/employment” profiles
- Seminal work by Barry Chiswick (1978), use of a cross section to analyze immigrants earnings.
- Estimate a Mincerian equation:

$$\ln(\text{Earn}) = b_0 + b_1 \text{Edu} + b_2 \text{EXP} + b_3 \text{EXP}^2 + b_4 \text{YSM} + b_5 \text{YSM}^2 + b_6 \text{IMM} + \varepsilon$$

PERFORMANCE OF IMMIGRANTS

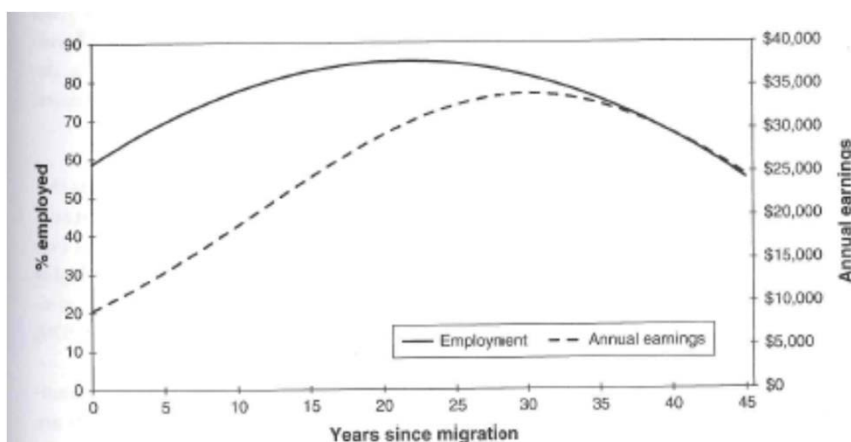


Figure 5.1 Employment and earnings among U.S. immigrants by years since migration, 2010.

Source: Authors' calculations based on immigrants aged 20 to 65 in 2010 American Community Survey using data from IPUMS (<https://usa.ipums.org/usa/>).

EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS ASSIMILATION

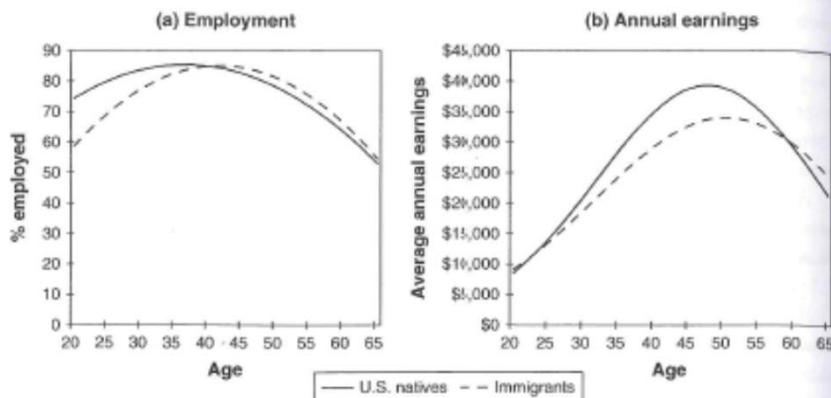


Figure 5.2 Employment and earnings assimilation among U.S. immigrants, 2010.

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ASSIMILATION OF IMMIGRANTS – earnings and employment

- Earlier study by Barry Chiswick (1978) using 1970 census data finds that immigrants start off earning less than natives; immigrants' earnings grow faster than natives'; immigrants earnings eventually surpass natives. Specifically Chiswick (1978) finds that male immigrants earn:

- 10% less than male natives after 5 years in the US
- The same as natives after 13 in the US
- 6% more than natives after 20 years in the US, and
- 13% more than natives after 30 years in the US

- The pattern does not hold for later years – several reasons: a different mix of origins with lower levels of education than recent US, lower levels of English fluency..

- Critique of the Chiswick's approach: A strong assumption that recent immigrants will earn the same with the duration of stay in destination.

- If cohort "quality" decreases over time – the analyses using a cross section would overestimate how much wages increase for a given cohort of immigrants.

COHORT DIFFERENCES IN ASSIMILATION

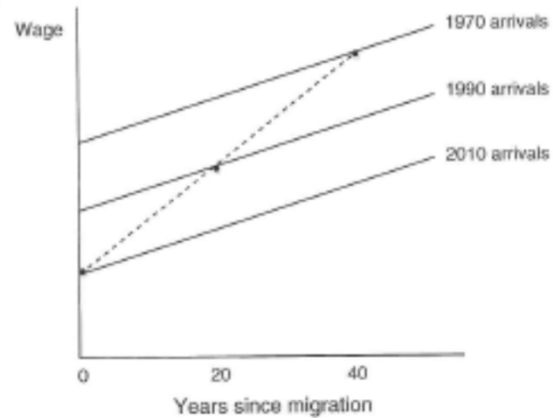


Figure 5.3 Cross-sectional data can give a misleading picture of assimilation.

ASSIMILATION OF IMMIGRANTS – earnings and employment

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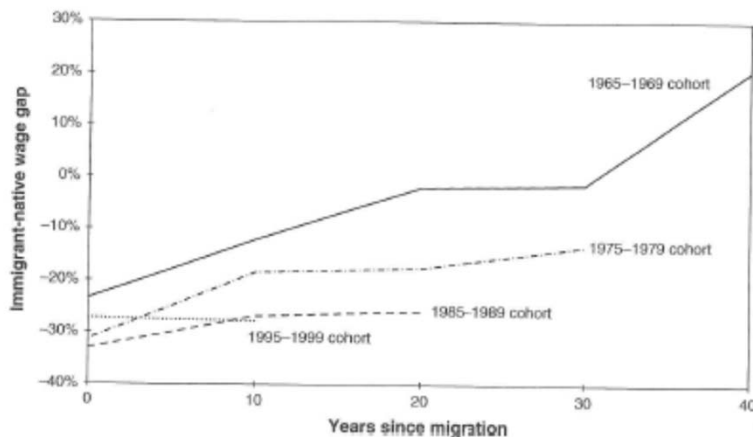


Figure 5.4 Wage gap between immigrants and U.S. natives, by arrival cohort.

Source: Authors' calculations from table 2 of Borjas (2013).

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DISTRIBUTION OF IMMIGRANTS AND US NATIVES BY EDUCATION, 1980-2010

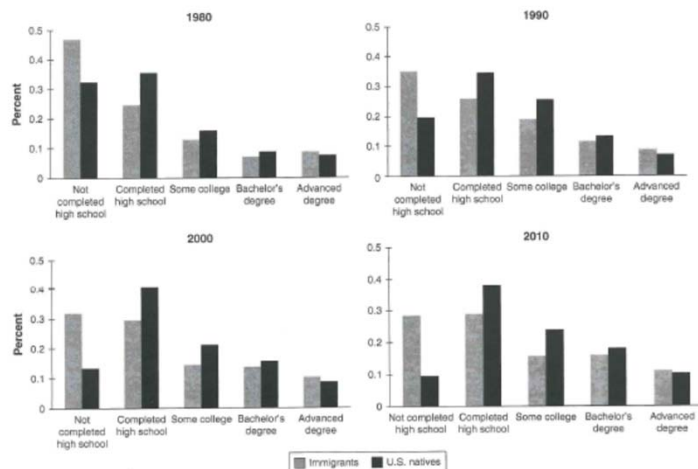


Figure 5.5 Distribution of immigrants and U.S. natives by educational attainment, 1980–2010.

Source: Authors' calculations based on U.S. natives and immigrants aged 25 and older in 1980–2000 Census and 2010 American Community Survey using data from IPUMS (<https://usa.ipums.org/usa/>).

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 - Shift in the mix of origins – previously traditional European countries of origin, recently more shift towards Asian and Latin American origins
 - Immigrants not as fluent in English as earlier cohorts
 - Changes in macroeconomic conditions – recent immigrants may face more adverse conditions – this may depress earnings at entry and earnings growth over time (Barth, Bratsberg and Raaum, 2004 and 2006; see also Aaslund and Rath, 2007 using Swedish data).
 - Different evidences from Canada (Aydemir and Skuterud, 2005 – wages lower at arrival, but growth the same across different cohorts), from UK recent cohorts earning more than earlier (Lemos, 2013)
 - It seems as immigrants from European or other OECD countries tend to do better than others in western countries – differences in language fluency plays a role.
 - It depends on comparison group too (natives with similar edu, skills, ..., earlier arrivals, ..)

ASSIMILATION OF IMMIGRANTS – earnings and employment, gender perspective

- Gender differences in earnings and labor force participation (e.g. in 2010, 23% gap in labor force participation of immigrant women, compared to 10% gap for natives)
- depending on origins with different gender social norms
- Also US born woman married to foreign-born man is less likely to work if the man is from a country with a low female labor force participation rate

ASSIMILATION OF IMMIGRANTS – accounting for return migration

- Selective out-migration may bias estimates of assimilation –as we talked, if negative selection in out-migration then the estimates will be upward biased...
- Lubotsky (2007) using a panel data assess the biased caused by selective out-migration – he finds that the ethnic wage gap closes twice as slowly when using panel data instead of repeated cross sections. Thus he finds that low-wage earners leave/negative selection in out-migration

ASSIMILATION OF IMMIGRANTS – participation at welfare programs

- Controversial issue – public opinions, media..
- Given that immigrants tend to be more poor than natives, they are more likely to qualify for “mean-tested” welfare programs. E.g. in the US 33% of immigrant households participated in a mean-tested welfare programs in 2010-2012 compared with 22% native households.
- Immigrants more likely to have children (arrive as young adults..)
- But even taking those differences into account, immigrants are more likely to receive welfare benefits than natives. But differences across countries and origins of immigrants/types of immigrants
- CEE A8 immigrants less likely to receive welfare than natives in UK (59% less likely, Dustmann, Frattini, Hall, 2010), in Sweden (Wadensjo, 2006, 2010).
- Refugees more likely on welfare

ASSIMILATION OF IMMIGRANTS – the role of enclaves

- Immigrants typically settle in ethnic enclaves
- Some advantages of enclaves – language, a network that can help with accommodation, job, transportation, less discrimination; provide a sense of community and belonging..
- BUT some disadvantages – employment opportunities more extensive outside the enclave; limits economic advancement – lower destination country HC acquisition, importantly lower language learning incentives..
- In the US, immigrants negatively selected in enclaves – less education and less language skills.
- Controlling for the negative selection, enclaves seems to improve adults’ earnings (Cutler, Glaeser and Vigdor, 2008). Problems with endogeneity..
- Edin, Fredriksson and Aaslund, (2003) exploit a natural experiment with refugee placement policy and find that being assigned to live in an enclave causes higher earnings among refugees, the gains being highest for the low-skilled. => networks benefit the refugees.
- Also the more successful were the earlier immigrants, the better is their position to help new immigrants (Hatton and Leigh, 2011).

ASSIMILATION OF IMMIGRANTS – the role of language

- Language proficiency is extremely important for international migrants.
- Better language proficiency => easier assimilation in the host country, greater returns to HC, better job opportunities and job matches.
- language skills influence a number of non-economic outcomes such as social integration, the size of the migrant's social network, political participation and civic engagement, educational attainment, health outcomes and family life.
- BUT many immigrants have poor host language skills and struggle to acquire them. Insights on the role of language in international migration, and into the underlying processes and factors that determine migrants' proficiency, are crucial for the successful design of policy measures that address the hurdles of language acquisition.
- In previous lectures – the role of language as migration determinant.
- Here: (1) determinants of language proficiency among migrants, and (2) effects of immigrants' linguistic skills and language acquisition on their labour market and socio-economic outcomes.
- For interested in the topic of language in migration, see:

Adsera, A. and M. Pytliková (2016): "Language and Migration" In Ginsburg, V. and O. Weber (eds) "[The Palgrave Handbook of Economics and Language](#)". Palgrave Macmillan. February 2016. ISBN 978-1-137-32504-4.

Language proficiency among migrants

- 3 Es of language proficiency (Chiswick, 1991; Chiswick and Miller, 1995, 2014):
 - *EXPOSURE* to the host language,
 - *EFFICIENCY* in language acquisition and
 - *ECONOMIC INCENTIVES* to learn a new language.

Exposure of immigrants to language learning

- Exposure to the host country language prior to or after migrating.
- Pre-migration exposure – e.g. foreign language classes and courses at schools. Some countries open special language classes for workers who are still at home; People can also be exposed to foreign language through the media or the internet, software and games designed to teach languages, TV and books.
- research in the area studies the role of former colonies, multiple official languages and neighbouring countries (Chiswick and Miller, 2001; Isphording, 2014). E.g. people coming from former British or US colonies (such as India, Nigeria or the Philippines) or from countries where English is among the official or main-spoken languages (e.g. Australia or Canada) tend to be proficient in English.
- Most existing research, however, relates to post-migration exposure to the destination language.

Language proficiency among migrants - exposure

- Time elapsed since immigration affects destination language acquisition positively. This 'time' effect shows that language proficiency increases steeply in the first post-migration years, and slows down later (Espenshade and Fu, 1997; Chiswick and Miller, 2001, 2007; Isphording and Otten, 2013, 2014). The speed of language acquisition depends on how intensively the time following migration is used to learn.

Intensity of exposure:

- is hard to measure: data on **enrolment of migrants into formal language education** (Cohen-Goldner and Eckstein, 2008, 2010 for Israel; Andersson and Nekby, 2012 for Sweden; Clausen et al., 2009 and Heinesen et al., 2013 for Denmark; Sarvimäki and Hämäläinen, 2015 for Finland), the **% of population speaking the same language as the migrant** as a measure of exposure (Chiswick and Miller, 1995).
- can be influenced by **ethnic enclaves** or whether **staying temporarily or permanently**. E.g. using survey information on immigrants' intended migration duration and instrumenting this variable with unforeseen events (e.g. family deaths in the home country), Dustmann (1999) shows that those with non-permanent intentions do indeed invest less in learning.
- Affected by language used by family or household members. Children affect their parents' proficiency as they can serve as teachers (Chiswick, 1998; Chiswick and Miller, 2005, 2007, 2008).

Language proficiency among migrants - efficiency

- It is not equally easy for all newcomers to learn the language of their host country. **Key factors:**
- **Age at immigration** -> a negative relationship between age of arrival and language acquisition. There is a long-standing debate among linguists on the age range within which language learning is almost effortless and after which it becomes much more difficult to become fluent and have no foreign accent (Chiswick and Miller, 2001, 2008; Mayberry et al., 2001; Isphording and Otten, 2013).
- **Linguistic distance:** easier for immigrants to acquire a language if their own language is linguistically closer (Chiswick and Miller, 2001, 2005; Isphording, 2014; Isphording and Otten, 2014). Isphording (2014) shows that immigrants drop behind native speakers in their literacy score as the distance between the language of origin and destination increases. He also shows that linguistic distance interacts with the effect of age at arrival: immigrants who moved after age 11 and come from linguistically distant countries are the most disadvantaged.
- **Education** - highly educated immigrants tend to be more proficient & faster learners
- **motivation, psychological factors and cognitive abilities.** These differ according to whether migrants move for economic reasons, family reasons or whether they are refugee. The literature confirms that economic migrants are more proficient in the host country language than refugees, while family-based migrants are somewhere in-between (Chiswick and Miller, 2006, 2007).

Language proficiency among migrants – economic incentives

- such as higher earnings or better job prospects.
- Acquisition is also positively affected by the expected duration of the stay (Dustmann, 1999; Chiswick and Miller, 2006, 2007, 2008; Ipsphording and Otten, 2014).

Language and returns to HC

- Numerous studies find that lack of destination language proficiency has a large **detrimental** impact on economic assimilation as measured by earnings (most attention in the lit) and employment.
- In analyses - a type of 'Mincerian wage equation' is used, where *the natural logarithm of wage is regressed on a number of explanatory variables*. The choice of variables often depends on available data (such as register based longitudinal data, longitudinal household surveys, LEED).
- The equation typically includes HC variables (education, labour market experience, tenure), demographic and household characteristics (age, gender, ethnicity, parental background, children, marital status and other household characteristics) and a number of other controls such as employer and regional characteristics as well as variables capturing information about immigrants themselves (YSM, language proficiency, characteristics of ethnic concentration in the region as a proxy for ethnolinguistic enclaves and networks).
- The main findings suggest that **fluency in the host-country language can increase earnings of immigrants in a range of 5–35 per cent.**

Language and returns to HC - methodology

- Problems: (1)reverse causality - proficiency might be affected by the outcomes; (2) the lang fluency likely to be correlated with other unobserved factors that may also impact on earnings e.g. openness to new surroundings, exchanges with natives, extent of the migrant's networks, immigrant ability or attitudes towards preserving origin country culture; (3) a problem of measurement error stemming from self-reported language proficiency. => OLS biased.
- strategies to tackle the problems: (1) IV approach, e.g. veteran status, foreign inter-marriage, children, minority languages concentration measures (e.g. in Chiswick and Miller, 1994; Chiswick, 1998), father's education (Dustmann and van Soest, 2002), language of the interview used in the survey (Shields and Wheatley, 2002) and **age of arrival** (most popular, Bleakley and Chin, 2004, 2010).
- Example:

Language and returns to HC - methodology

- Bleakley and Chin (RESTAT2004) use individual-level data from the US Census of 1990 to study how earnings of immigrants who arrived before age 18, and were 25–38 years old in 1990, were related to their age at arrival. Consistent with the existence of a critical period of language acquisition, they show that there are no significant differences in adult English proficiency among immigrants from English and non-English speaking countries who migrated very early in life.
- Bleakley and Chin (2004) provide an identification strategy for the causal impact of language proficiency on earnings by exploiting these differences between younger and older arrivals on English language skills to construct an instrumental variable for English proficiency.
- They estimate a first stage equation by OLS for English proficiency ENG_{ija} for an individual i born in country j who arrived in the US at age a :

$$ENG_{ija} = \alpha_1 + \pi_1 k_{ija} + \gamma_{1j} + \delta_{1a} + X_{ija} \rho + \varepsilon_{ija}, \quad (1)$$

- Where γ_{1j} are FE of country of birth, δ_{1a} is fixed age at arrival effects, and X_{ija} is a vector of exogenous explanatory variables (sex, race, age).

Language and returns to HC - methodology

- Given that outcomes obtained by immigrants arriving from English and non-English speaking countries start to diverge after the age of arrival of 11, they use as IV for language proficiency a variable constructed by interacting a , the age at arrival (beyond the critical age of 11) and where $I(j)$ takes the value 1 when the country of origin j is non-English speaking:

$$k_{ija} = \max(0, a - 11) \times I(j) \quad (2)$$

- Results point to a strong negative relationship between English proficiency and the instrument k_{ija} in (2). Using fitted values for English proficiency from (1), they estimate a second stage equation where the dependent variable is the annual wage rate:

$$\ln W_{ija} = \alpha + \beta ENG_{ija}^* + \gamma_j + \delta_a + X_{ija} + \eta_{ija}, \quad (3)$$

Where ENG_{ija}^* are the fitted values obtained from regression (1). The estimated impact of language proficiency on earnings is higher in IV than OLS estimates.

Overall, a 1 unit increase of English ability (a variable that ranges from 0 to 3) implies an increase of about 0.33 (log) wages in very basic models. Higher educational attainment seems to be responsible for about 90 per cent of the impact of language fluency on earnings.

- The English-speaking ability measure is coded as 0 for not speaking English at all, 1 for speaking English not well, 2 for speaking English well, and 3 for speaking English very well

ASSIMILATION OF IMMIGRANTS – marriage, fertility and health

- Marriages between immigrants and natives facilitate immigrants' economic and cultural assimilation into the destination country. But, the more assimilated immigrants are, the more likely they are to marry a native. Such marriages are also an indicator of natives' acceptance of immigrants.
- “intermarriages” are more likely for immigrants that stayed longer in the destination, arrived at a younger age, are more educated, live outside an ethnic enclave or are more proficient in the language of the destination (Furtado and Trejo, 2013).
- “intermarriages” affect a number of outcomes: increase immigrants' proficiency, may help find a better job broadening their social network (Meng and Gregory, 2005, marrying a native brings a 20% wage premium)
- Immigrants' fertility usually converges towards the fertility of natives (Adsera and Ferrer, 2014a).
- Immigrants tend to be healthier than natives and than people who remain in origins. Immigrants who are in ill health are more likely to return to their home countries.

THE SECOND GENERATION

- Significant share of destination population (In the U.S. more than one in eight natives has at least one parent foreign-born)
- Intergenerational mobility:
 - Measuring: income, wealth, education, occupation, socioeconomic status, but also fertility behavior, language proficiency, marriage and ethnic identity,
 - Understanding mechanisms by which the outcomes came about
 - 1st gen, 1.5 gen, 2nd gen, 2.5 gen, 3rd gen, 4th gen...
- Absolute and relative mobility
 - *Absolute* - whether one generation does better or worse than another generation in levels, e.g. whether children earn more or less than their parents (adjusted for inflation). Data needed – average generational, or family members across generations.
 - *Relative* – compares generational relative position in the distribution, e.g. parents vs children's position in income distribution. Usage of *transition matrixes*.

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transition matrix – shows probability of people in one generation being in a higher, lower or the same place in the distribution than people in another generation

p _{ij} ..probability i..parents' quintile j..child's quintile	Child's position in income distribution					
	Quintile	Bottom	Second	Middle	Fourth	Top
Father's position in income distribution	Bottom	p11	p12	p13	p14	p15
	Second	p21	p22	p23	p24	p25
	Middle	p31	p32	p33	p34	p35
	Fourth	p41	p42	p43	p44	p45
	Top	p51	p52	p53	p54	p55

Source: Bansak, Simpson and Zavodny (2015) pp.131

Transition matrix for immigrants and natives in Switzerland

	Quintile	Child's position in income distribution			
		Bottom	Second	Third	Top
Immigrants					
Father's position in income distribution	Bottom	45	28	17	10
	Second	30	29	26	15
	Third	12	29	25	34
	Top	13	14	32	41
Natives					
Father's position in income distribution	Bottom	37	25	20	17
	Second	29	29	22	21
	Third	17	27	30	26
	Top	15	18	30	37

Source: Bauer (2006) using 1991 data, see Bansak, Simpson and Zavodny (2015) pp.136

SECOND GENERATIONS

- Inter-generational transmissions and intergenerational elasticities
- elasticities measure how closely related outcomes are across generations, the typical model economists use:

$$Outcome_{i_{-t+1}} = b_0 + b_1 Outcome_{i_{-t}} + \varepsilon$$

- i..indexes groups or families (e.g. ethnic group or father-son combinations)
- If $b_1=1$ there is a complete intergenerational transmission, i.e. children's outcomes are exactly as their parents (everyone is on the diagonal in the transition matrix)
- If $b_1=0$, there is no intergenerational transmission, i.e. children's outcomes are not related to their parents' outcomes.
- Longitudinal/panel data needed
 - Analyses based on cross-sections are biased - different compositions/cohorts etc.
 - repeated cross-sections are better (e.g. comparing the first generation in 1950 and then the second 20-30 years later) BUT risk capturing life-cycle differences due to age.
 - Data that enables connecting parents and children are ideal for tracking intergenerational mobility
 - Inclusion of ethnic capital-an indicator for persons i 's membership in ethnic group j :

$$Outcome_{i_{-t+1}} = b_0 + b_1 Outcome_{i_{-t}} + \sum_j b_{jt} E_{ij} + \varepsilon$$

SECOND GENERATIONS

- the extent of intergenerational mobility depends on a number of other outcomes (e.g. country-specific like labor market institutions- minimum wages, level of inequality, the structure of educational system),
- In the U.S. the second generation of immigrants tend to do better than the first generation. But the progress slows down with the third plus generation.
- Table: *Average income gap relative to third-plus-generation, men, by year, U.S.*

Year	1st gen	2nd gen
1950	0,30%	3,60%
1970	-6,70%	7,30%
1994-1996	-25,30%	2%
2011-2013	-23,70%	-2,40%

Source: Bansak, Simpson and Zavodny (2015), Table 6.1., pg 133., calculations based on men 25-64 years, controlling for age, education, state of residence, using 1950 and 1970 census, and 1994-96, and 2011-13 March CPS.

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- Reasons why 2nd generations in the US do better:
 - Tend to be better educated
 - Receive their education in the U.S. – likely to be fluent in English
 - Better informed about opportunities on the U.S. labor market
 - Broader social networks
 - Less likely to live in ethnic enclaves
 - Origins tend to matter too:
 - more developed countries, with the same language spoken, less inequality, (Borjas 1993;)
 - Teens with immigrant parents spend their time differently than native teens – e.g. Asian students tend to study much more. E.g. Asian mother spend more time engaged in educational activities with their children than other mothers (tiger mothers. Ramey, 2011)
- A bit different pattern in Sweden (Hammerstedt, 2009) – compares 1,2,3 and 4th gen. The first earns more than 4th, 2nd the same as 4th, and 3rd less than 4th. Possible mechanisms: Selectivity and macroeconomic cycle.

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- Other outcomes than incomes – educational attainment, labor supply, language proficiency, marriage, fertility, see e.g. Blau et al, (2013)

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Table 6.3 Educational attainment by immigrant generation

Country	% not completed secondary school			% attended college				
	1st gen.	2nd gen.	3rd+ gen.	1st gen.	2nd gen.	3rd+ gen.		
	1 immigrant parent	2 immigrant parents		1 immigrant parent	2 immigrant parents			
Canada	23	19	14	24	45	44	50	37
France	43	24	26	23	26	35	29	31
Germany	34	–	19	8	27	28	14	27
Ireland	16	19	–	28	47	47	53	34
Netherlands	37	24	29	22	27	35	29	35
Spain	40	33	55	43	24	40	21	35
Sweden	29	14	15	13	35	32	28	34
Switzerland	27	6	7	5	35	39	34	36
United Kingdom	20	20	22	25	34	43	45	33
United States	31	5	11	10	34	45	45	40

Source: Adapted from Sweetman, A. and van Ours, J.C. (2014).

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- In most countries 2nd gen is more educated than 1st.
- In the US (but also evidence from a few other countries show that) the 3rd generation is not much more educated than the 2nd => it seems as the educational progress is made mostly in the 2nd generation and then it stops.
- Other perspective – use performance on standardized tests, see e.g. Dustmann, Frattini and Lanzana, (2012): scores on maths and reading strongly related to education levels among the first generation. In countries where immigrants tend to have higher levels of education, e.g. Australia and Canada, the 2nd generation tend to do at least as well as the 3rd plus gen. But in countries with immigrant parents less educated such as DK, GER, NOR and SWE, the 2nd gen does worse than the 3rd plus gen on exams.
- Several factors affect how the 2nd generation fares in terms of education:
 - Parental education (intergenerational transmission strong)
 - The educational structure – having open, inclusive systems that integrate better
 - Granting citizenship – better involvement of parents

SECOND GENERATIONS

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Most of the 2nd and higher gen immigrants are proficient in language by the time they finish a school.

Bilingualism is associated with cognitive advantages, bilinguals tend to complete more education than monolinguals, when parental education and income are controlled for, but they do not earn more (e.g. Fry and Lowell, 2003 – but, a study of Kalist, 2005 indicates nurses in the US who speak Spanish earn 7% more).

SECOND GENERATIONS

MARRIAGE and FERTILITY:

- as discussed earlier – an indicator of assimilation too.
- In the US, 1st gen immigrants more likely to be married to another 1st gen immigrant than to native, while natives more likely to be married to a native. 2nd gen - 3 out of 5 marry a native, 1 in 5 another 2nd gen, and 1 in 5 a 1st gen immigrant (for 1994-96, Card, DiNardo and Estes, 2000).
- Age matters – younger have higher probability to marry within their ethnic group.
- “assortative mating” stronger than inter-ethnic mating (Furtado and Theodoropoulos, 2011)
- Fertility rates of 2nd gen are positively related to fertility of 1st gen (intergenerational elasticity of 0,4 from 1st to 2nd gen immigrants, Blau et al, 2013). Partly explained by intergenerational transmission of gender roles and cultural attitudes (Blau et al, 2013).
- Fertility rates of 2nd gen are also positively related to fertility rates in country of origin of 1st generations (Fernandez and Fogli, 2009).

SECOND GENERATIONS

LABOR MARKET OUTCOMES:

- as discussed in previous lecture – an indicator of assimilation too.
- Differences across countries in performance in labor market outcomes of 2nd gen and 3+gen.
- Not much research - idea for future research?...

Check out the New York Times “Immigration Explorer” Interactive Map:

- http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2009/03/10/us/20090310-immigration-explorer.html?_r=0

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- *Emigration and source countries; Brain drain and brain gain; Remittances*