Mexican Migration in the 1930s

Mexican Immigration to the U.S., 1850-1940

500,000 —									
450,000 —								459,287	
400,000 —									
350,000 —									
300,000 —									
250,000 —									
200,000							219,004		
150,000 —									
100,000 —									
50,000 —						49,642			
	3,078	2,191	5,162	1,913	971				22,319
0 —	1850-1860	1861-1870	1871-1880	1881-1890	1891-1900	1901-1910	1911-1920	1921-1930	1931-1940

Push & Pull Factors...

- 1902-National Reclamation Act
 - pushed for irrigation of arid land
 - created new farmland in Western states

Push & Pull Factors...

- 1910-1930
 - estimates are that 10% of Mexico's pop. moved to U.S. during this time
 - most came in search of jobs & better opportunities for their children
 - most settled in CA, TX & other Southwestern states

Push & Pull Factors

 worked extensively in mining, construction & agriculture

 earned less \$ than Anglo workers, but more \$ than they would have earned in Mexico

Mexican Migration, 1910-1930



Mexican Revolution refugees crossing border, 1914

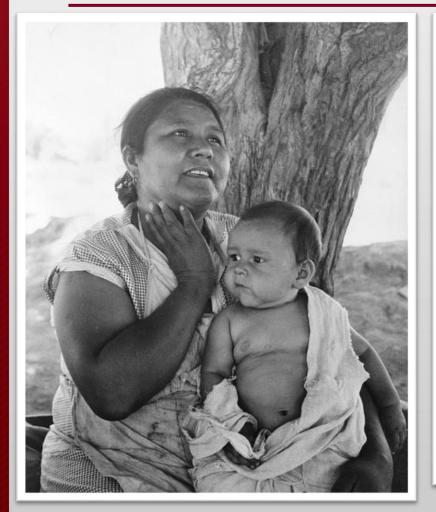
Mexican beet workers in Colorado, 1915

Mexico-U.S. Arrivals and Departures,

1910-1939

300,000									
250,000 —			255,774	238,527					
200,000 —									
150,000 —									
100,000	88,358	96,976			83055				
50,000		45510				24/2			
0	4146		23182	19852	19,184	24467 10,765			
	1910-1914	1915-1919	1920-124	1925-1929	1930-1934	1935-1939			
ARRIVALS DEPARTURES									

Mexican Migration, 1930s



Mexican mother in California, 1935



Mexicans at Texas immigration station, 1938

Deportation & Repatriation-1930s

- economic crisis & intensified class struggle of 1930s led to the deportation of hundreds of thousands of Mexican workers from the U.S.
- close to 1 million Mexicans returned to Mexico in the 1920s & 1930s

Dorothea Lange Photography



Notes from photographer Dorothea Lange: "Drought refugees from Oklahoma looking for work in the pea fields of California. Near San Jose Mission," March 1935

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Notes from photographer Dorothea Lange: "Drought refugees families are now mingling with and supplanting Mexican field laborers in the Southwest. Near Chandler, Arizona," May 1937