

Notes : Immigration / Migration to Texas (15)

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The Causes of Immigration to Texas in the mid-1800s

Statehood made Texas seem safer to immigrants (after 1847) [PULL]	Land was plentiful and cheap [PULL]	Events in Europe (wars & famine) led people to leave homeland [PUSH]	The Panic of 1837 led people to leave their debts behind [PUSH]
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Migrant Groups to Texas

 Please use Textbook (pp. 389-395) to identify the groups that settled in Texas.

Group Name [Came from where?]	Settled where? (Area / Town names)	Leader(s) (if any)	Occupations (What did they do?)
Anglo Americans [U.S. <u>Upper</u> South]	Eastern forests and Central Prairie	None	<i>Small farmers, lumber</i> (NOT slaveholders)
Anglo Americans [U.S. <u>Lower</u> South]	Along coast (slaveholders) and Northeast TX	None	<i>Slaveholders / plantations, cotton growers, small farmers</i>
African Americans [U.S. and Africa]	East TX and Lower Brazos / Trinity Rivers (slaves)	William Goyens	<i>Most were slaves on farms (cotton)</i> <i>Also: servants, craftspeople</i> (1850 census: 60,000 total / 400 free African Americans)
Germans [Germany]	Central and Southeast TX (New Braunfels)	Johann Ernst, Prince Carl, John Meusebach	<i>Farmers, craftspeople, merchants, shopkeepers</i> (Same tasks as in Europe)
French [France]	Central TX (Castroville)	Henri Castro	<i>Farmers, craftspeople, merchants, shopkeepers</i> (Same tasks as in Europe)
Poles [Poland]	Galveston and Southeast TX (Panna Maria)	Panna Maria: first Polish colony in U.S.	<i>Farmers, craftspeople, merchants, shopkeepers</i> (Same tasks as in Europe)
Irish [Ireland]	South TX (San Patricio, Refugio, and Copano)	William Kennedy	<i>Farmers, craftspeople, merchants, shopkeepers</i> (Same tasks as in Europe)
Norwegians [Norway]	North & Central TX (Brownsboro)	John Nordboe Johan Reiersen	<i>Farmers, craftspeople, merchants, shopkeepers</i> (Same tasks as in Europe)
Czechs [Czechoslovakia]	Central TX (Waco / Praha)	Josef Lesikar	<i>Farmers, craftspeople, merchants, shopkeepers</i> (Same tasks as in Europe)
Mexicans [Mexico]	Throughout Texas / mostly in South TX (between RG & NR)	Lorenzo de Zavala, Jose A. Navarro, Martín De León	<i>Farmers, ranchers, craftspeople, merchants</i> (Same tasks as in Mexico) (1850 census: 14,000)