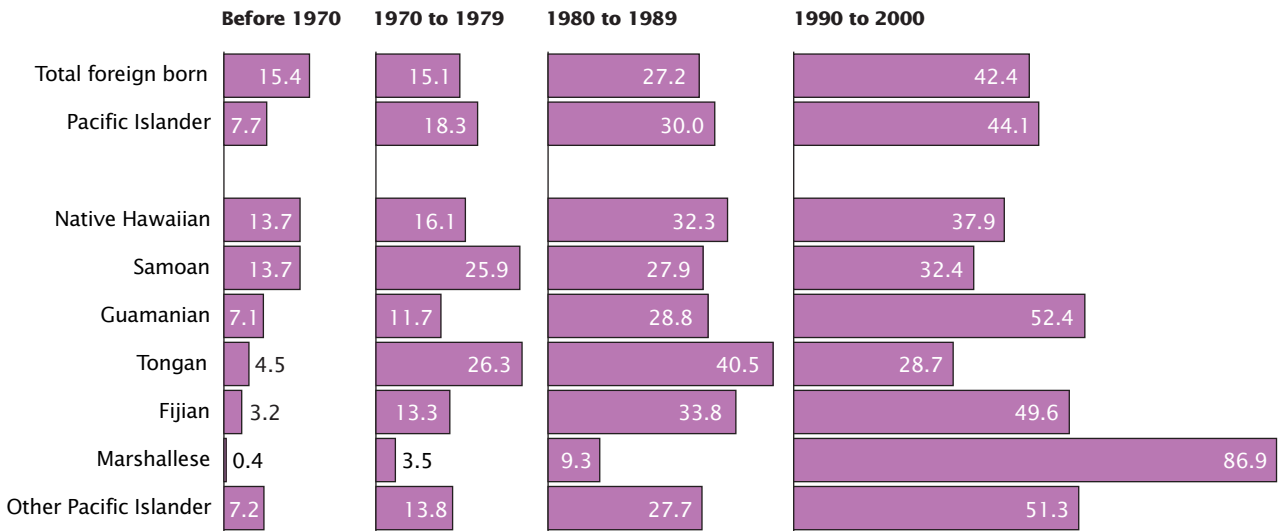


**Forty-four percent of the foreign-born Pacific Islander population arrived in the United States during the 1990s.**

- Forty-four percent of the Pacific Islander foreign born arrived in the United States between 1990 and 2000, compared with 42 percent of the U.S. foreign-born population. Thirty percent of Pacific Islanders arrived between 1980 and 1989 and 18 percent between 1970 and 1979.
- Less than 10 percent of the Pacific Islander foreign born arrived in the United States before 1970.
- Migration patterns varied across groups. Eighty-seven percent of Marshallese entered the United States between 1990 and 2000, as did roughly 50 percent of Guamanians, Other Pacific Islanders, and Fijians. Fewer than 35 percent of Samoans and Tongans entered the United States during this time period.

Figure 7.  
**Foreign Born by Year of Entry: 2000**

(Percent distribution. Data based on sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf4.pdf](http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf4.pdf))



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 special tabulation.