

Table 3.1. State Immigration Legislation in Top Six States with the Largest Foreign-Born Population*, by Legislative Typology and Bill Status: 2007

Legislative typology	Number of bills introduced	Passed		Rejected		Expired		Number of pending bills
		Number of bills	Percent of introduced bills	Number of bills	Percent of introduced bills	Number of bills	Percent of introduced bills	
Expanding the rights of immigrants	126	17	13%	5	4%	38	30%	66
Contracting the rights of immigrants	50	4	8%	0	0%	25	50%	21
Regulating employment	37	3	8%	0	0%	16	43%	18
Regulating law enforcement and criminal justice	69	3	4%	0	0%	37	54%	29
Other	46	7	15%	0	0%	24	52%	15

Notes: *The top six states with the largest immigrant population in 2006 were California, New York, Texas, Florida, Illinois, and New Jersey. A bill can be classified under more than one legislative typology because of the existence of omnibus bills that address multiple aspects of immigrant and immigration policy, see [Highlights and Methodology Report, Part II](#).

Table 3.2. State Immigration Legislation in Top Ten States with the Fastest-Growing Foreign-Born Population*, by Legislative Typology and Bill Status: 2007

Legislative typology	Number of bills introduced	Passed		Rejected		Expired		Number of pending bills
		Number of bills	Percent of introduced bills	Number of bills	Percent of introduced bills	Number of bills	Percent of introduced bills	
Expanding the rights of immigrants	39	8	21%	1	3%	8	21%	22
Contracting the rights of immigrants	87	8	9%	1	1%	15	17%	63
Regulating employment	74	7	9%	2	3%	20	27%	45
Regulating law enforcement and criminal justice	75	12	16%	1	1%	15	20%	47
Other	52	16	31%	0	0%	11	21%	25

Notes: *The top ten states experiencing significant growth in their immigrant population from 2000 to 2006, in descending order of growth, were: Delaware, South Carolina, Nevada, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Arkansas, North Carolina, Arizona, and Indiana. A bill can be classified under more than one legislative typology because of the existence of omnibus bills that address multiple aspects of immigrant and immigration policy, see [Highlights and Methodology Report, Part II](#).

Source: Migration Policy Institute and New York University School of Law. 2007. State Responses to Immigration: A Database of All State Legislation. <http://www.migrationinformation.org/datahub/statelaws.cfm>.