

Skilled Immigrants' Contribution to Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the United States

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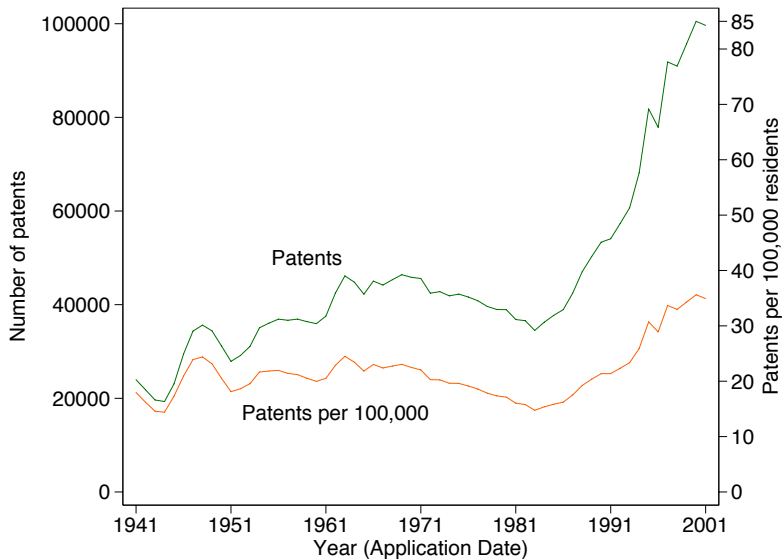
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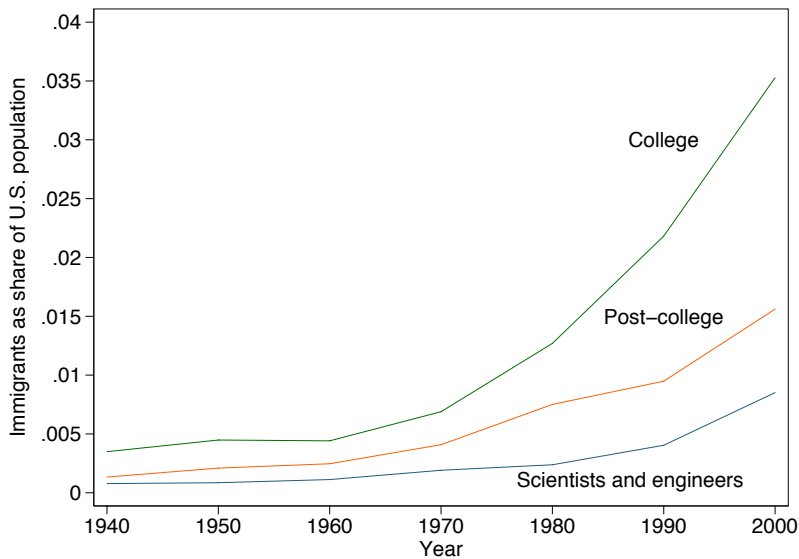
Immigrants compared to native-born

	Simple comparison	Similar immigrants and natives
Wages	2.9**	-8.2**
Any patent licensed or commercialized (native = 0.6%)	0.7**	-0.0
More than 6 publications or papers (native = 3.6%)	3.1**	0.3**
Started firm with over 10 workers (native = 0.61%)	0.18*	0.21**

U.S. origin U.S. patents 1941–2001



Skilled immigrants as share of population 1940–2000



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