

## Immigrants & Maine:

### A Close Look at the Real Statistics:

Composed by the International Students of Lewiston-Auburn  
(ISOLA)

Today, nearly 70,000 foreigners arrive in the United States every day. Most of these travelers are tourists, business people, students, or foreign workers. About 2,200 daily arrivals are immigrants or refugees who have been invited to become permanent residents of the United States. Like U.S. citizens, most working-age immigrants seek jobs, earn wages, pay taxes, and consume public services. Their work has significant effects on the U.S. economy and labor market.



Kennedy Park  
Lewiston, Maine

More than 70 percent of immigrants are over the age of 18 when they arrive in the United States. That means there are roughly 17.5 million immigrants in the United States today whose education and upbringing were paid for by the citizens of the sending country, not U.S. taxpayers.

The windfall to the United States of obtaining this human capital at no expense to taxpayers is roughly \$1.43 trillion. This makes immigrants a fiscal bargain for our country.

In the last decade hi tech professional immigrants have made extraordinary contributions to cutting edge U.S. industries. It's estimated that almost one quarter of Silicon Valley immigrants established firms. Ten high-tech firms founded by immigrants (Intel, Sun Microsystems, Computer Associates, Solectron Lam Research, LSI Logic, AST Computer, Wang Laboratories, Amtel, and Cypress Semiconductor) generated \$28 billion in revenues in 1996 alone.

These and other businesses started by immigrants add at least another \$29 billion to the total amount of taxes paid by immigrants.



Lewiston City Building  
constructed in 1892

Thus, stereotypes do not correspond to the

## UNITED STATES CENSUS INFORMATION

2000 Population	Androscoggin County	Maine	
Whites:	100,658	97.0%	96.9%
Mixed Races:	1,264	1.2%	1.0%
African-Americans:	683	0.7%	0.5%
Asian-Americans:	572	0.6%	0.7%
Native Americans:	282	0.3%	0.6%
Other Races:	294	0.3%	0.2%
Foreign born:		2.6%	2.9%
Language other than English spoken in the home			
		16.4%	7.8%
Minority Owned Firms, 1997:			
		4.1%	2.2%

facts. Migration is not unique to any ethnicity except in the minds of people with a political axe to grind.

## Interesting Facts:

- Androscoggin County has a population of 103,793 people.
- Between 1990 and 2000, Androscoggin County **lost 1,466 people**, which is a decline of 1.4%. This is the first decade in which our county has suffered a loss of population.
- The arrival of almost **1,081 Somalis** to Androscoggin County since 2000 **has not made up for the loss** of the county's overall population in the previous decade.
- 2.6% of Androscoggin County residents are foreign born, but 16.4% speak a language **other than English** at home demonstrating that Lewiston-Auburn has an established diverse **U.S. born** population.
- Maine's population in the 2000 Census was 1,274,923, an increase of only 46,995 people or 3.8% in the 10 years since the 1990 Census. Maine ranked 45th in the United States for population growth in 2000: the only states that grew less were Vermont, Rhode Island, Wyoming, West Virginia, and North Dakota.
- Maine is at serious risk of losing one of its two congressional seats in Washington, D.C.—if our population shrinks much more. By welcoming immigrants, we can help upkeep our population, which helps our economy, and also preserves our voice in Congress.

## Calendar of Events

**Note:** Events organized by the Many and One Coalition are in bold type. Other events and activities are listed for information purposes.

**January 5 (Sunday) : Training for Nonviolent Marshals** – 1:00 to 3:30 PM, YWCA (East Avenue)

**January 6 (Monday) :**

- **Pre/Post Rally Committee Meeting** – 10:00 AM, Bates Chapelain's Office at 161 Wood Street (Contact Steve Taylor at [steve@miltoproj.org](mailto:steve@miltoproj.org) or 783-5091)
- **Many and One Coalition Meeting** – 5:30 PM, Calvary United Methodist Church (Contact the church at 782-3221)

**January 7 (Tuesday)**

- **Public Safety Training** – 5:30 to 8:00 PM, Multi-Purpose Center

**January 8 (Wednesday)**

- **Teach-In on Nonviolent Political Action** – 6:00 PM, Muskie Archives at Bates College

**January 10 (Friday)**

- **The Ideology of Hate: Past and Present** – 4:15 PM, Muskie Archives at Bates College
- **Candle Vigil** – **8:00 to 8:30 PM** (light a candle at an event with a group of people, in your yard, in your window, etc.)
- **Bell Tolling** – **8:25 to 8:30 PM**

## January 11 (Saturday)

The Big Day! Full list of events and activities TBA.

**January 12 (Sunday)**

- **Interfaith Brunch** – Noon at the YWCA on East Avenue, Lewiston
- **Cleansing Ceremony ???**

**January 17**

- **Contra/Folk Dance** including Somali performance – 8:00 to 11:00 PM at the Danville Grange, cost \$6 (Contact Bob Parnes at 346-3761 or [rparnes@megalink.net](mailto:rparnes@megalink.net))

**January 19**

- **Worship Service Observing King Day** – 7:00 PM, College Chapel at Bates College

**January 20** - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

BE LOOKING FOR EVENTS  
TO BE ANNOUNCED

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Many and One Coalition  
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Lewiston, ME 04240

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

## Many & One Rally

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*Saal & Inkabadan*



Saturday January 11, 2003

1:00—3:00 p.m.

at

Merrill Gymnasium—Bates College  
(corner of Russell St & Central Ave)  
Lewiston, Maine

For more information:

Tel: 207-782-3221

[www.manyandone.org](http://www.manyandone.org)

# MANY AND ONE RALLY

Lewiston, Maine  
January 11, 2003



## *Our Commitment*

We gather today to stand in solidarity with our neighbors who are targets of bias, hate, and violence, and to express our commitment to build a community of safety, peace, and justice for all. We embrace the strength, beauty, and potential inherent in diversity and difference. We reject racism, division, hatred and violence. We commit ourselves to the construction of a community free of hatred among or within us, where no one must live in fear and terror, and where all live freely and equally.

We recognize our city's deep history of hardship, hard work, and mutual support that has been tested and strengthened over many years. We seek to listen to those who feel left behind or left out, to include everyone in a process of healing and change in our community. We embrace our history as a city of immigrants, seeking better lives together. We affirm that the growing diversity of Lewiston is a positive development that we are pledged to nurture and sustain.

Today we make a commitment to each other. We commit to wage a campaign of peace to eliminate the causes of hatred and violence and transform our community. We commit to educate ourselves about the causes of bigotry, poverty, hunger, and homelessness. We commit to undo racism and hatred in all forms. We commit to ensure the safety and security of everyone in our community. We commit to promote and defend diversity, mutual respect, love, nonviolence, and the struggle against poverty and prejudice.

We are stronger together than apart. We stand today united by our differences: one voice, one heart, one commitment. We say no to bigotry, hate and violence. We say yes to equality, justice, and full membership in our community for every one of us. We can and we will welcome and care for each other. We can and we will build a community of peace, equality, and justice. And we will do so as one community, proud, strong, and united.