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Immigrant Communities of Philadelphia: Spatial Patterns and Revitalization

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Census Tracts by Native Born Growth

Using National Historic GIS data, I was able to compare the 294 census tracts of Philadelphia. I chose to analyze the gap between the 1980 census and the 2010 census and the net change in each tract’s population. Because I am using aggregate data, I am unable to discern if people are moving from one tract to another, but I can show the growth and loss of individual tracts. The chart to the left shows the change of the native born population in Philadelphia from 1980 to 2010 in the 294 census tracts. From this, you can see that many tracts (223) have lost native born residents and only a handful of tracts (71) have gained native born residents. Further, the net growth (35,446 people) and net loss (261,705) across the city are far from even.