



Ethnic Neighborhoods

After arriving in the USA, about 2/3 of immigrants settled in cities, such as NYC, Chicago, Boston & Philadelphia. The majority of immigrants lived in ***ethnic neighborhoods***, or enclaves.

These neighborhoods provided new immigrants with a sense of community and security, as the immigrants were surrounded by the familiar customs, food and language of their homeland. As a result, many settled in the neighborhoods permanently.

Many enclaves were crowded and their streets teemed with local residents, peddlers and merchants, and horses and carriages. Immigrants often established businesses that catered to the needs of immigrants.