This fact sheet provides information on select characteristics of people with Lawful Permanent Residence (LPR) status, also known as Green Card holders. Generally, an LPR is eligible to become a naturalized U.S. citizen after meeting certain requirements. Providing more information on the eligible to naturalize population is in keeping with the Executive Order on Restoring Faith in Our Legal Immigration Systems and Strengthening Integration and Inclusion Efforts for New Americans (E.O. 14012).

Throughout our history, the United States has welcomed immigrants from all over the world who have helped shape and define our country. Granting citizenship to eligible lawful permanent residents is vital to our nation’s security, economic prosperity, and a future built on the principles of the U.S. Constitution. Some of the benefits to becoming a U.S. citizen include the right to vote, traveling with a U.S. passport, bringing family members to the U.S., applying for federal jobs, and becoming an elected official.

Top Countries of Birth

Mexico: 147,910
China, People’s Republic: 78,590
Philippines: 59,840
Vietnam: 41,960
Korea, South: 37,350
Iran: 35,300

Number of Years in LPR Status

Generally, a Lawful Permanent Resident (or LPR) is eligible to become a naturalized U.S. citizen after meeting certain requirements such as length of time in LPR status; the length of time depends on the class of admission they were given as an LPR.
LPRs by Category of Admission

After meeting certain eligibility requirements, a person can gain LPR status through employment, family relationships, the diversity visa program, or as a refugee or asylee, among other ways.

328,970 Immediate relatives of U.S. citizens
98,390 Employment-based preferences
62,200 Refugees and Asylees
20,890 Diversity
20,010 Other

Concentration of Eligible to Naturalize in the Region

100% of the eligible to naturalize population resides in two counties.

Immediate relatives of U.S. citizens

78% Los Angeles County: 518,910
22% Orange County: 147,360

Eligible to Naturalize by Age

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Eligible to Naturalize by Gender

56% of persons eligible were Female
44% of persons eligible were Male