Eligible to Naturalize Fact Sheet

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

NEW YORK-NEWARK-JERSEY CITY, NY-NJ CORE BASED STATISTICAL AREA (CBSA)

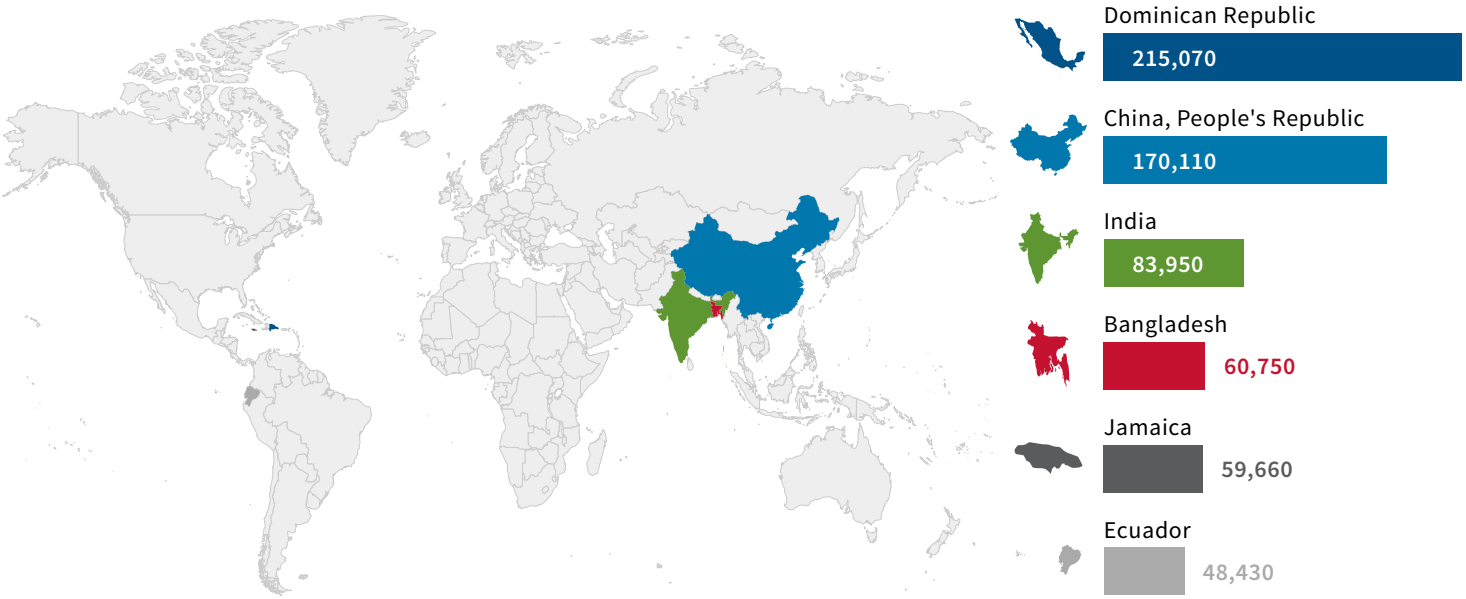
1,379,160 ELIGIBLE TO NATURALIZE

Data Source: *Office of Immigration Statistics*

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).

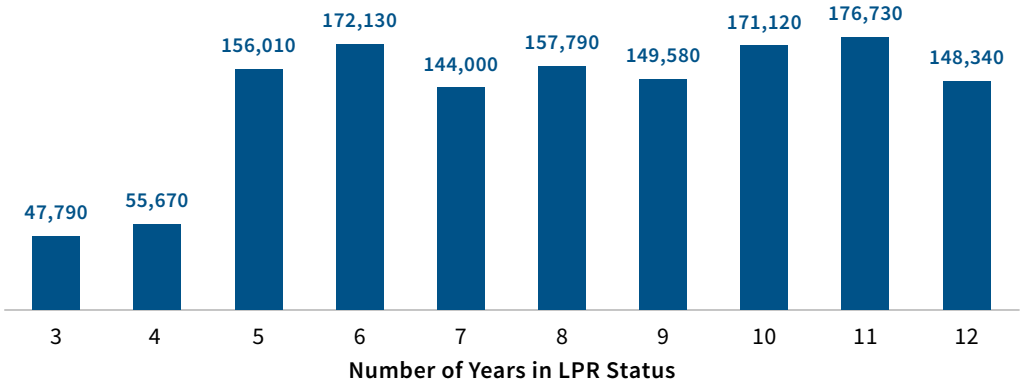
Throughout our history, the United States has welcomed immigrants from all over the world who have helped shape and define our country. Granting citizenship to eligible lawful permanent residents is vital to our nation's security, economic prosperity, and a future built on the principles of the U.S. 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



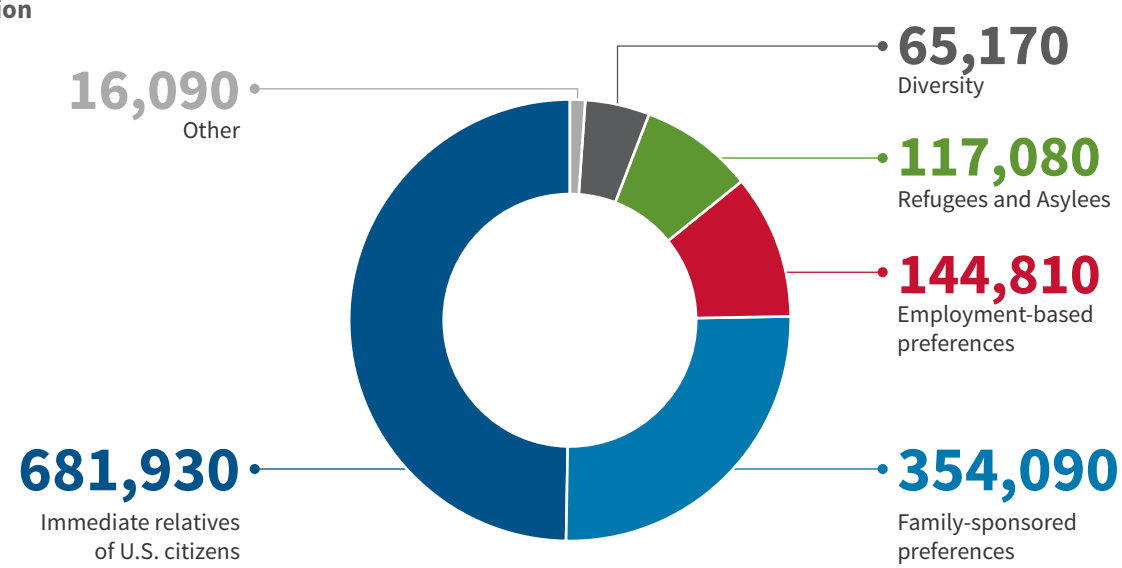
Number of Years in LPR Status

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.

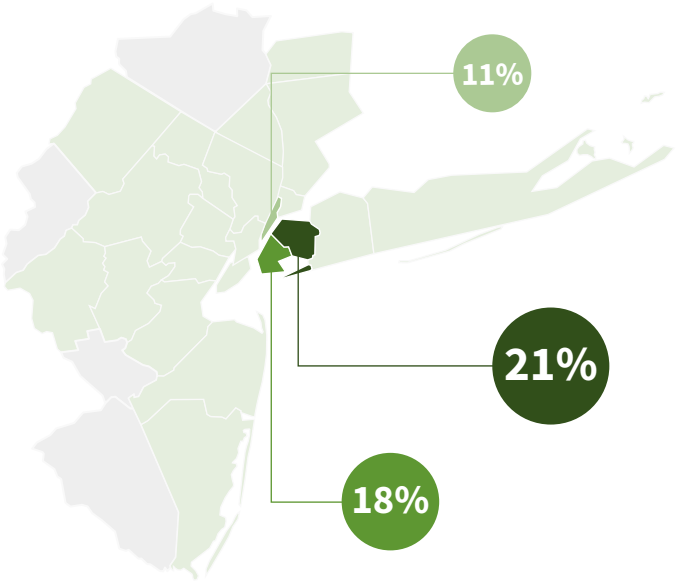


LPRs by Category of Admission

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.



Concentration of Eligible to Naturalize in the Region

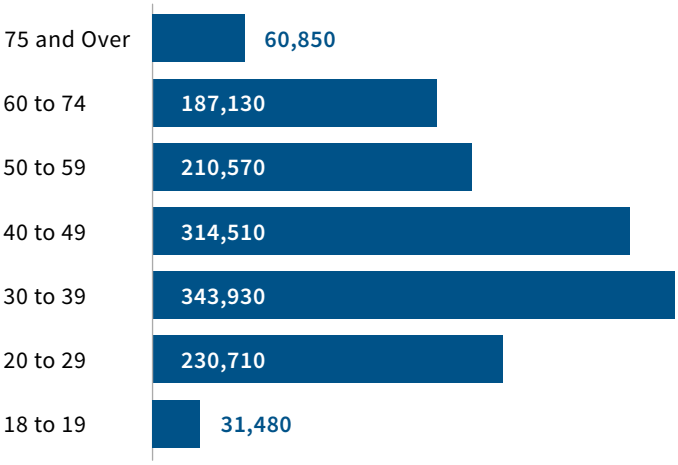
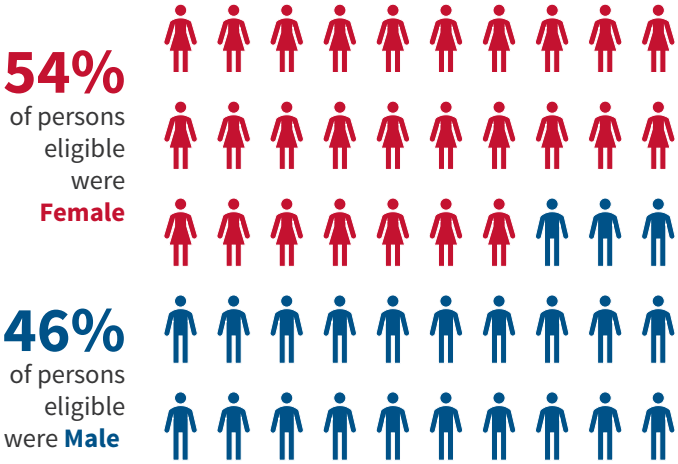


50% of the eligible to naturalize population resides in **three** counties.

- Queens County, NY: 294,340
- Kings County, NY: 248,620
- New York County, NY: 152,000

Bronx County, NY: 142,880
Hudson County, NJ: 67,230
Middlesex County, NJ: 62,810
Nassau County, NY: 54,900
Bergen County, NJ: 52,050
Essex County, NJ: 47,780
Suffolk County, NY: 45,950
Westchester County, NY: 43,900
Passaic County, NJ: 42,000
Union County, NJ: 35,980
Richmond County, NY: 19,780
Morris County, NJ: 18,540
Somerset County, NJ: 14,000
Rockland County, NY: 12,480
Monmouth County, NJ: 12,240
Ocean County, NJ: 6,120
Putnam County, NY: 1,740
Hunterdon County, NJ: 1,700
Sussex County, NJ: 1,420
Pike County, PA: 430

Eligible to Naturalize by Age



Eligible to Naturalize by Gender