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

- **Dominican Republic**: 226,010
- **China**: 167,550
- **India**: 86,540
- **Bangladesh**: 64,730
- **Jamaica**: 62,690
- **Ecuador**: 50,190

### 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 basis for naturalization.
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.

**LPRs by Category of Admission**

- **Immediate relatives of U.S. citizens**: 716,660
- **Other**: 18,500
- **Diversity**: 65,150
- **Refugees and Asylees**: 105,940
- **Family-sponsored preferences**: 369,210
- **Employment-based preferences**: 150,730

**Concentration of Eligible to Naturalize in the Region**

46% of the eligible to naturalize population resides in Queens County and Kings County, NY.

**Total County**
- New York: 297,450
- Queens County, NY: 255,140
- Kings County, NY: 154,620
- New York County, NY: 154,620
- Bronx County, NY: 153,080
- Hudson County, NJ: 69,860
- Middlesex County, NJ: 64,540
- Nassau County, NY: 57,940
- Bergen County, NJ: 54,400
- Essex County, NJ: 50,220
- Suffolk County, NY: 48,500

**Eligible to Naturalize by Age**

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**Eligible to Naturalize by Gender**

- **Female**: 54% of persons eligible
- **Male**: 46% of persons eligible

1. Numbers are rounded to the nearest 10. Numbers may not sum to totals due to rounding.