The naturalization process confers U.S. citizenship upon foreign citizens or nationals who have fulfilled the requirements established by Congress in the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). After naturalization, foreign-born citizens enjoy nearly all of the same benefits, rights, and responsibilities that the Constitution gives to native-born U.S. citizens, including the right to vote. This graphic provides information for persons who naturalized in Fiscal Year 2014.

**NATURALIZATIONS OVER TIME**

653,416 persons naturalized in Fiscal Year 2014.

39,448 persons naturalized in Fiscal Year 1910.

1. Europe was replaced by Asia as the largest region of origin for naturalizations
2. Increase in naturalizations partially as a result of the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) (See 2011 Naturalizations Flow Report for additional information)

**TIME TO NATURALIZATION**

Persons naturalizing in Fiscal Year 2014 spent a median of 7 Years in lawful permanent resident (LPR) status before becoming citizens, unchanged from the previous two years.

**NATURALIZATIONS BY AGE AND SEX**

44.8% of persons naturalized in Fiscal Year 2014 were male.

55.2% of persons naturalized in Fiscal Year 2014 were female.

**TOP FIVE COUNTRIES OF BIRTH**

Mexico 14.5%
India 5.8%
Philippines 5.3%
China 4.6%
Cuba 3.7%

**TOP FIVE STATES OF RESIDENCE**

California 21.5%
Florida 12.2%
New York 11.9%
Texas 8.1%
New Jersey 5.0%