# Estimates of the Lawful Permanent Resident Population in the United States: January 2014 

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This report presents estimates of the lawful permanent resident (LPR) population living in the United States as of January 1, 2014. LPRs, also known as "green card" holders, are immigrants who have been granted lawful permanent residence in the United States but have not yet become U.S. citizens. Estimates of the total LPR population and the LPR population eligible to apply to naturalize are tabulated by country of birth, state of residence, and the year LPR status was obtained. Data for the estimates were obtained primarily from administrative records of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The methodology used for the 2014 estimates is similar to that used in previous DHS estimates (see Baker and Rytina, 2014).

In summary, an estimated 13.2 million LPRs lived in the United States on January 1, 2014, and 8.9 million of them were eligible to naturalize. The majority ( 64 percent) obtained LPR status in 2000 or later.

## BACKGROUND

Data on the size and characteristics of the foreign-born population are used to assess the impact of immigration in the United States. The decennial census and monthly household surveys of the Census Bureau include questions on place of birth, citizenship, and year of entry into the United States. These data provide a wealth of information on the total foreign-born population, naturalized citizens, and non-U.S. citizens. However, national population data on the major subcategories of non-U.S. citizens, including LPRs, students, temporary workers, and unauthorized immigrants, are not readily available from any source and must be estimated. Congress discontinued an alien registration program requiring all legally resident aliens to report their status annually to the legacy Immigration and Naturalization Service in 1981. DHS collects data measuring administrative events such as the number of aliens granted lawful permanent residence or the number approved for asylum, but does not collect data on the population of LPRs or the population of asylees living in the United States at any given point in time.

The LPR population estimates in this report were derived primarily from Census Bureau and DHS data by estimating a base population as of a certain date and adding subsequent components of population change (see Passel and Clark, 1998; Hoefer, 1996). DHS has used a variant of this approach since 2002 to estimate the resident LPR population.

## METHODOLOGY

Separate population estimates were developed for LPRs who entered the United States before 1980 and during the 1980-2013 period. The two sets of estimates were added together to obtain the overall estimated population as of January 1, 2014.

## Estimates for LPR Entrants Prior to 1980

All non-citizen residents of the United States in 2014 who entered before 1980 were assumed to be LPRs. Under the registry provisions of immigration law, aliens are eligible for LPR status if they have lived in the United States continuously since January 1, 1972, and meet other basic requirements. Additionally, certain persons living in the United States before 1982 as unauthorized residents were permitted to adjust to LPR status under the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986. For the same reasons, DHS estimates of the unauthorized immigrant population
assume that the foreign-born population entering the United States before 1980 is legally resident (see Baker and Rytina, 2013).
Given this assumption, DHS uses data collected on the non-citizen population with a year of entry prior to 1980 from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2013 American Community Survey (ACS) to obtain estimates of pre-1980 LPR entrants. The data were tabulated by year of entry, country of birth, and state of residence.

## Estimates for LPR Entrants from 1980 through 2013

For the population entering in 1980 and later, the non-U.S. citizen population in ACS data includes LPRs and persons with other types of immigration statuses (e.g., refugees, asylees, unauthorized immigrants). Therefore, DHS must use another method to estimate the LPR population. Data on LPRs who entered the United States between January 1980 and December 2013 were obtained from case tracking systems of USCIS that contain information from applications for LPR status and naturalization. LPR status applicants living in the United States use the Application to Adjust Status to Permanent Residence (Form I-485), whereas applicants living outside the United States use either the Application for ImmigrantVisa and Alien Registration (Form DS-230) or the Electronic Application for Immigrant Visa and Alien Registration (Form DS-260) of the U.S. Department of State. I-485 applicants who become LPRs are referred to as "adjustments of status," and DS-230 or DS-260 applicants who subsequently become LPRs are known as "new arrivals." Naturalization applicants aged 18 and over use the Application for Naturalization (Form $\mathrm{N}-400$ ). Basic applicant information maintained in the case tracking systems includes alien identification number (A-number), date of birth, country of birth, sex, U.S. address, date LPR status or naturalization was obtained, and category of admission.

LPRs who subsequently naturalized were excluded by matching individual LPR and naturalization records by A-number. Several adjustments were then made to reduce the aggregated total inflow of 1980-2013 LPR entrants to the population remaining after 2013. The adjustments for emigration and mortality are methodologically the same as those used in DHS unauthorized immigrant population estimates. An adjustment for derivative citizenship is unique to the LPR population estimates.
LPRs who entered the United States before 1980 were excluded as these persons were counted in the pre-1980 entrant population from the ACS. The date of entry for "new arrival" LPRs is the date of approval for LPR status. For "adjustment of status" LPRs, however, the entry date is usually not recorded directly so the year of last entry prior to adjustment of status was selected as an approximation. Year of last entry was imputed where missing (approximately 40 percent of adjustment of status records during 1998-2005) using category of admission, year of LPR adjustment, and known last entry date. Additional adjustments, described below, were made for derivative citizenship, mortality, and emigration.
Derivative Citizenship. In most cases, LPRs under 18 years of age automatically become U.S. citizens upon the naturalization of a parent. Although not required by law, those who derive citizenship through the naturalization of a parent may apply for a certificate documenting citizenship. The number of LPRs deriving citizenship was estimated from applications filed for certificates of citizenship
from 1980 through 2013. Although this approach, like its predecessor, ${ }^{1}$ produces a conservative estimate of derivative citizenship, it is straightforward and produces a slightly larger and presumably more accurate estimate for recent years.
Mortality. LPRs were survived to 2014 by sex and age at the time LPR status was obtained using mortality rates from 1999-2001 life tables (Arias et al., 2008). The median age of foreign nationals at the time they become LPRs is about 32 years (Mossaad, 2016). As a result, mortality has very little impact on the estimates for recent LPRs but a greater impact for those who became LPRs during the 1980s.

Emigration. Most observers agree that a sizable number of LPRs emigrate from the United States. The U.S. Government has not collected official statistics on LPR emigration since 1957. National data that directly measure emigration do not exist. This report uses an average annual rate of emigration of approximately one percent based on estimates for the foreign-born population from Census data (Ahmed and Robinson, 1994). The rates vary by years of residence in the United States and naturalization status. (LPRs who subsequently naturalized were not considered at risk of emigration until after becoming citizens.) LPRs who entered the United States as asylees and refugees were assumed not to emigrate.

After adjusting for derivative citizenship, mortality, and emigration, ${ }^{2}$ estimates for 1980-2013 entrants were tabulated by the year LPR status was obtained, country of birth, and state of residence. The use of state of residence provided on the application for permanent residence ignores subsequent internal migration and affects the state-level estimates to the extent that migration to and from each state is not the same.

## LPR Population Eligible to Naturalize

LPRs are eligible to apply for naturalization after meeting U.S. residency and other requirements. Most LPRs are required to meet a five-year residency requirement for naturalization, while spouses of U.S. citizens are generally subject to a three-year requirement. There are several other exceptions to the five-year residency requirement, most of which affect small numbers of immigrants.
This report estimates the LPR population eligible to naturalize based on residency requirements using class of admission and the year LPR status was obtained. All LPRs, except those whose LPR status was based on marriage to a U.S. citizen, were assumed to have a five-year residency requirement for naturalization. Certain categories of immigrants receive credit for the period prior to the actual grant of LPR status. The credited time or earlier dates are not included in the LPR records used for this analysis and must be estimated. For example, asylees are credited one year in asylum status toward time in LPR status. Asylees were therefore assumed to be eligible to naturalize four years after approval of the

[^0]Figure 1.
Lawful Permanent Resident Population Estimates: 2002 to 2014


Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Table 1.
Size of the Lawful Permanent Resident Population: 2012 to 2014

| Lawful permanent residents | 2012 | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | $13,300,000$ | $13,140,000$ | $13,180,000$ |
| Eligible to naturalize . . . . . . | $8,770,000$ | $8,790,000$ | $8,880,000$ |
| Not eligible to naturalize . . . | $4,530,000$ | $4,350,000$ | $4,290,000$ |

Note: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.
Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
adjustment of status application. Immigrants adjusting to LPR status as refugees, Lautenberg parolees, or through cancellation of removal also receive credit for residence in the United States prior to the actual grant of lawful permanent residence based, respectively, on the date of entry into the United States as a refugee, the date of parole, or the date of cancellation of removal. It was assumed that two years elapse between the earlier dates and the date of approval of the application for permanent residence so that these LPRs are eligible to apply for naturalization approximately three years after approval of their application for adjustment.

## FINDINGS

## Overview

An estimated 13.2 million LPRs were living in the United States on January 1, 2014 (see Table 1). Of the total 13.2 million, an estimated 8.9 million were eligible to naturalize. Over the long term, the size of the LPR population changes slowly because increases in the number of persons becoming LPRs each year are offset by persons naturalizing.
From 2002 to 2014, the LPR population increased by nearly two million persons, or 15 percent, with the eligible to naturalize population increasing by about one million persons, or 13 percent (see Figure 1). ${ }^{3}$ During this period, 60 to 70 percent of the LPR

[^1]Table 2.
Components of the Lawful Permanent Resident Population: 2014

| Category | Number |  |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | LPR status obtained between $1980-2013 \ldots \ldots$ | $29,380,000$ |
| minus | Naturalizations $1980-2013 \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | $12,390,000$ |
| minus | Derivative citizenship $1980-2013 \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | $1,460,000$ |
| minus | Emigration and mortality $1980-2013 \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | $3,810,000$ |
| equals | LPRs survived to $1 / 1 / 2014 \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | $11,730,000$ |
| plus | LPR status obtained prior to $1980($ ACS) $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ | $1,450,000$ |
| equals | Estimated LPR population as of $1 / 1 / 2014 \ldots \ldots$ | $13,180,000$ |
| minus | LPRs not eligible to naturalize as of $1 / 1 / 2014 \ldots$ | $4,290,000$ |
| equals | Estimated LPR population eligible to naturalize as |  |
|  | of $1 / 1 / 2014 \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. | $8,880,000$ |

Note: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.
Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
population was eligible to naturalize. The lower percentage of the LPR population eligible to naturalize from 2007 to 2010 may be due to a decrease in LPR admissions in 2003 and 2004 (resulting in fewer LPRs becoming eligible to naturalize during the 20072009 period), combined with a record number of naturalizations in 2008 (see Rytina, 2005; Lee and Rytina, 2009).

Components. The entries in Table 2 show the data elements and adjustments to create the final estimated LPR population in 2014. According to USCIS administrative records, 29.4 million foreign nationals obtained LPR status between 1980 and 2013. By the end of 2013, an estimated 12.4 million ( 42 percent) had naturalized; 1.5 million (five percent) had derived citizenship before becoming 18 years old; and 3.8 million ( 13 percent) had died or emigrated. An estimated 4.3 million LPRs had not met the residency requirement to apply for naturalization, leaving 8.9 million LPRs eligible to apply to naturalize in 2014.

Error. The major sources of error in the estimates are the assumptions made about emigration, mortality, and derivative citizenship. Errors in the estimate of these components affect the 1980-2013 entrants portion of the 2014 LPR estimate. The estimates derived from the 2013 ACS for LPRs entering before 1980 are subject to
both sampling and nonsampling error. The estimated margin of error at the 90 percent confidence level for the 1.5 million estimate is less than plus or minus 0.1 million. Estimates by country of birth and state of residence are based on smaller numbers of observations and are affected more by sampling error. Major sources of non-sampling error include possible misreporting of citizenship status and year of entry by ACS respondents.

## Year LPR Status Obtained

Fifty-two percent of the LPR population in 2014 obtained permanent residence in 2005 or later (see Table 3). Thirty percent gained LPR status between 1990 and 2004, and 18 percent became LPRs before 1990.

## Country of Birth

Mexico was the leading country of origin of the LPR population in 2014 (see Table 4). An estimated 3.3 million or 25 percent of LPRs came from Mexico. The next leading source countries were China ( 0.7 million) and the Philippines ( 0.6 million), followed by India ( 0.6 million) and the Dominican Republic ( 0.5 million). Fortytwo percent of LPRs in 2014 were born in one of these five countries. The 10 leading countries of origin, which also include Cuba, Vietnam, El Salvador, Canada, and South Korea, represented 55 percent of the LPR population. The leading countries of origin of the LPR population eligible to apply to naturalize are similar to those for the total LPR population. Differences in rankings may reflect differences in the propensity to naturalize or variability in LPR flows.

Among the leading countries of origin, the total LPR population and the population eligible to naturalize from China, Cuba, and Guatemala experienced the fastest percentage growth from 2002 to 2014 , with increases of over 40 percent. The percentage of the LPR population eligible to naturalize among the leading countries in 2014 was highest for Germany ( 84 percent), Japan ( 84 percent), Canada ( 83 percent), Mexico ( 83 percent), and the United Kingdom ( 82 percent); the proportions eligible to naturalize from these countries were consistently high during the entire period from 2002 to 2014. Countries of origin with consistently low proportions of the LPR population eligible to naturalize during the

Table 3.
Year LPR Status Obtained for the Lawful Permanent Resident Population: 2014

| Year | All lawful permanent residents |  | Lawful permanent residents eligible to naturalize |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 13,180,000 | 100.0 | 8,880,000 | 100.0 |
| Before 1960 | 150,000 | 1.2 | 150,000 | 1.7 |
| 1960-1969. | 380,000 | 2.9 | 380,000 | 4.2 |
| 1970-1979. | 920,000 | 7.0 | 920,000 | 10.3 |
| 1980-1989. | 950,000 | 7.2 | 950,000 | 10.7 |
| 1990-1999. | 2,300,000 | 17.5 | 2,270,000 | 25.6 |
| 2000-2004. | 1,620,000 | 12.3 | 1,480,000 | 16.6 |
| 2005-2009. | 3,220,000 | 24.4 | 2,440,000 | 27.5 |
| 2010-2013. | 3,640,000 | 27.6 | 290,000 | 3.3 |

Note: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.
Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Table 4.
Country of Birth of Lawful Permanent Resident Population: 2014

| Country of birth | Lawful permanent residents |  | Lawful permanent residents eligible to naturalize |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 13,180,000 | 100.0 | 8,880,000 | 100.0 |
| Mexico | 3,280,000 | 24.9 | 2,710,000 | 30.5 |
| China, People's Republic . . . | 680,000 | 5.2 | 330,000 | 3.7 |
| Philippines. | 570,000 | 4.4 | 340,000 | 3.8 |
| India | 560,000 | 4.2 | 250,000 | 2.8 |
| Dominican Republic | 480,000 | 3.6 | 300,000 | 3.3 |
| Cuba. | 420,000 | 3.2 | 300,000 | 3.4 |
| Vietnam. | 330,000 | 2.5 | 200,000 | 2.3 |
| El Salvador | 320,000 | 2.4 | 250,000 | 2.8 |
| Canada | 320,000 | 2.4 | 260,000 | 3.0 |
| Korea, South | 290,000 | 2.2 | 190,000 | 2.1 |
| United Kingdom | 280,000 | 2.1 | 230,000 | 2.6 |
| Haiti | 250,000 | 1.9 | 150,000 | 1.7 |
| Jamaica. | 240,000 | 1.8 | 160,000 | 1.8 |
| Colombia. | 230,000 | 1.7 | 140,000 | 1.6 |
| Guatemala. | 180,000 | 1.4 | 120,000 | 1.4 |
| Germany | 170,000 | 1.3 | 140,000 | 1.6 |
| Japan | 150,000 | 1.1 | 120,000 | 1.4 |
| Peru | 140,000 | 1.1 | 90,000 | 1.0 |
| Poland. | 140,000 | 1.1 | 110,000 | 1.2 |
| Pakistan | 140,000 | 1.0 | 70,000 | 0.8 |
| Other. | 4,010,000 | 30.5 | 2,420,000 | 27.3 |

Note: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.
Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
same period include China, India, and Pakistan (fewer than 50 percent) (see Figure 2 and Appendix Table 3). The consistently high or low percentages eligible to naturalize reflect long-term, known differences in the propensity to naturalize by country of origin (see Baker 2009).

## State of Residence

The data in Table 5 show the estimated LPR population for the leading states of residence. Because the data for most of the population are based on the state of residence at the time LPR status was obtained, the relative rankings are more accurate than the actual population estimates by state.

California was the leading state of residence with an estimated 3.3 million LPRs in 2014. The next leading states of residence were New York ( 1.6 million), Texas ( 1.3 million), and Florida ( 1.3 million). These four states were home to 57 percent of LPRs in 2014. The next leading states of residence were New Jersey, Illinois, Massachusetts, Virginia, Washington, and Arizona. The 10 leading states represented 75 percent of the LPR population. The leading states of residence of the estimated LPR population and the population eligible to naturalize were generally the same.

Among the leading states of residence, California, New York, Texas, Florida, New Jersey, and Illinois were the top six in terms of total LPR population and population eligible to naturalize from 2002 to 2014 (see Appendix Tables 1 and 2). Some of these states, such as California and Texas, have large Mexican-born LPR populations, a

Figure 2.
Percentage of Lawful Permanent Resident Population Eligible to Naturalize by Selected Country of Birth: 2002 and 2014


Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Table 5.
State of Residence of Lawful Permanent Resident Population: 2014

| State of residence | Lawful permanent residents |  | Lawful permanent residents eligible to naturalize |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 13,180,000 | 100.0 | 8,880,000 | 100.0 |
| California. | 3,310,000 | 25.1 | 2,470,000 | 27.8 |
| New York. | 1,640,000 | 12.5 | 1,040,000 | 11.7 |
| Texas | 1,340,000 | 10.2 | 960,000 | 10.8 |
| Florida. | 1,250,000 | 9.5 | 830,000 | 9.3 |
| New Jersey | 600,000 | 4.5 | 370,000 | 4.1 |
| Illinois. | 540,000 | 4.1 | 380,000 | 4.3 |
| Massachusetts | 340,000 | 2.5 | 200,000 | 2.3 |
| Virginia | 280,000 | 2.2 | 160,000 | 1.9 |
| Washington | 280,000 | 2.1 | 180,000 | 2.0 |
| Arizona | 260,000 | 2.0 | 190,000 | 2.1 |
| Georgia | 260,000 | 1.9 | 150,000 | 1.7 |
| Maryland . | 250,000 | 1.9 | 140,000 | 1.6 |
| Pennsylvania | 250,000 | 1.9 | 140,000 | 1.6 |
| Michigan . | 210,000 | 1.6 | 130,000 | 1.5 |
| North Carolina . . | 170,000 | 1.3 | 100,000 | 1.1 |
| Connecticut | 150,000 | 1.2 | 100,000 | 1.1 |
| Colorado | 150,000 | 1.1 | 100,000 | 1.1 |
| Ohio | 150,000 | 1.1 | 90,000 | 1.0 |
| Nevada | 130,000 | 1.0 | 90,000 | 1.0 |
| Minnesota . | 130,000 | 1.0 | 70,000 | 0.8 |
| Other. | 1,480,000 | 11.2 | 970,000 | 11.0 |

Note: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.
Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Figure 3.
Percentage of Lawful Permanent Resident Population Eligible to Naturalize by Selected State of Residence: 2002 and 2014


Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
group which also has a high proportion of eligible to naturalize population. During the same period, the total LPR population and population eligible to naturalize in Florida and several other leading states (North Carolina, Georgia, Nevada, Colorado, and Arizona) increased by 35 percent or more. In 2014, leading states with the highest percentages of the LPR population eligible to naturalize were California ( 75 percent), Arizona ( 72 percent), and Texas ( 72 percent); the percentages eligible to naturalize in California and Texas were above 70 percent (higher than other leading states) for the entire period from 2002 to 2014 . During the same period, the proportions eligible to naturalize among the leading states were lowest in Georgia, Minnesota, Maryland, North Carolina, and Virginia, approaching 50 percent during the 20072009 period but rising towards 60 percent after 2009 as the nation generally trended towards higher proportions of LPRs eligible to naturalize (see Figure 3 and Appendix Table 3).

Appendix Table 1.
Lawful Permanent Resident Population by Country of Birth and State of Residence: September 2002 and January 2006 to 2014

| Country of birth and state of residence | 2002 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010* | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Country of birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 11,451,000 | 12,110,000 | 12,780,000 | 12,600,000 | 12,450,000 | 12,650,000 | 13,070,000 | 13,300,000 | 13,140,000 | 13,180,000 |
| Mexico | 3,108,000 | 3,310,000 | 3,470,000 | 3,390,000 | 3,280,000 | 3,290,000 | 3,320,000 | 3,330,000 | 3,280,000 | 3,280,000 |
| China, People's Republic |  | 000 | 000 | ,000 | 30,000 | ,000 | 0,000 | ,000 | 0,000 | ,000 |
| Philippines. | 511,000 | 540,000 | 570,000 | 570,000 | 550,000 | 560,000 | 590,000 | 590,000 | 580,000 | 580,000 |
| India . . . . | 441,000 | 510,000 | 520,000 | 520,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 520,000 | 540,000 | 540,000 | 560,000 |
| Dominican |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Republic | 405,000 | 430,000 | 440,000 | 420,000 | 420,000 | 440,000 | 470,000 | 490,000 | 480,000 | 480,000 |
| Cuba. | 286,000 | 310,000 | 340,000 | 350,000 | 360,000 | 370,000 | 410,000 | 420,000 | 410,000 | 420,000 |
| Vietnam. | 368,000 | 340,000 | 330,000 | 330,000 | 320,000 | 310,000 | 330,000 | 340,000 | 330,000 | 330,000 |
| El Salvador | 278,000 | 320,000 | 340,000 | 340,000 | 320,000 | 320,000 | 330,000 | 330,000 | 320,000 | 320,000 |
| Canada | 323,000 | 330,000 | 340,000 | 330,000 | 320,000 | 330,000 | 320,000 | 320,000 | 320,000 | 320,000 |
| Korea | 301,000 | 270,000 | 280,000 | 270,000 | 270,000 | 270,000 | 280,000 | 290,000 | 290,000 | 290,000 |
| United |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kingdom | 263,000 | 290,000 | 300,000 | 290,000 | 290,000 | 290,000 | 290,000 | 290,000 | 290,000 | 280,000 |
| Haiti | 211,000 | 220,000 | 220,000 | 230,000 | 230,000 | 240,000 | 250,000 | 260,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 |
| Jamaica. | 228,000 | 220,000 | 240,000 | 230,000 | 220,000 | 230,000 | 240,000 | 240,000 | 240,000 | 240,000 |
| Colombia | 165,000 | 190,000 | 220,000 | 220,000 | 230,000 | 230,000 | 240,000 | 240,000 | 230,000 | 230,000 |
| Guatemala. | 127,000 | 170,000 | 190,000 | 180,000 | 180,000 | 180,000 | 190,000 | 190,000 | 190,000 | 180,000 |
| Germany | 185,000 | 190,000 | 190,000 | 180,000 | 180,000 | 180,000 | 180,000 | 180,000 | 180,000 | 170,000 |
| Japan | 122,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 150,000 |
| Peru | 109,000 | NA | 130,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 |
| Poland. | 163,000 | 160,000 | 160,000 | 160,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 |
| Pakistan | 114,000 | NA | NA | 120,000 | 120,000 | 130,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 |
| State of residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 11,451,000 | 12,110,000 | 12,780,000 | 12,600,000 | 12,450,000 | 12,650,000 | 13,070,000 | 13,300,000 | 13,140,000 | 13,180,000 |
| California. | 3,315,000 | 3,430,000 | 3,540,000 | 3,440,000 | 3,310,000 | 3,330,000 | 3,380,000 | 3,400,000 | 3,310,000 | 3,310,000 |
| New York | 1,556,000 | 1,490,000 | 1,560,000 | 1,530,000 | 1,530,000 | 1,570,000 | 1,620,000 | 1,660,000 | 1,650,000 | 1,640,000 |
| Texas | 1,087,000 | 1,160,000 | 1,240,000 | 1,250,000 | 1,220,000 | 1,240,000 | 1,280,000 | 1,310,000 | 1,320,000 | 1,340,000 |
| Florida. | 928,000 | 1,040,000 | 1,140,000 | 1,170,000 | 1,180,000 | 1,210,000 | 1,270,000 | 1,290,000 | 1,260,000 | 1,250,000 |
| New Jersey | 545,000 | 570,000 | 590,000 | 580,000 | 560,000 | 570,000 | 600,000 | 610,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 |
| Illinois. | 518,000 | 550,000 | 580,000 | 550,000 | 540,000 | 540,000 | 550,000 | 550,000 | 540,000 | 540,000 |
| Massachusetts | 289,000 | 300,000 | 320,000 | 320,000 | 310,000 | 320,000 | 330,000 | 340,000 | 330,000 | 340,000 |
| Virginia | 222,000 | 240,000 | 260,000 | 260,000 | 260,000 | 270,000 | 280,000 | 290,000 | 280,000 | 280,000 |
| Washington . . | 210,000 | 250,000 | 260,000 | 260,000 | 260,000 | 270,000 | 270,000 | 280,000 | 280,000 | 280,000 |
| Arizona | 186,000 | 220,000 | 240,000 | 230,000 | 230,000 | 240,000 | 250,000 | 260,000 | 250,000 | 260,000 |
| Georgia . | 146,000 | 190,000 | 210,000 | 220,000 | 230,000 | 240,000 | 240,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 260,000 |
| Maryland . . . | 194,000 | 210,000 | 230,000 | 230,000 | 230,000 | 230,000 | 240,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 |
| Pennsylvania . | 197,000 | 210,000 | 220,000 | 220,000 | 220,000 | 230,000 | 240,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 |
| Michigan . . . | 187,000 | 200,000 | 210,000 | 210,000 | 210,000 | 210,000 | 210,000 | 210,000 | 210,000 | 210,000 |
| North Carolina | 94,000 | 120,000 | 130,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 160,000 | 160,000 | 170,000 |
| Connecticut. | 136,000 | 140,000 | 160,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 160,000 | 160,000 | 150,000 |
| Colorado | 105,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| Ohio | 121,000 | 130,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| Nevada | 84,000 | NA | NA | 120,000 | 120,000 | 120,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 |
| Minnesota. | 100,000 | 110,000 | 120,000 | 120,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 |

[^2]Appendix Table 2.
Lawful Permanent Resident Population Eligible to Naturalize by Country of Birth and State of Residence: September 2002 and January 2006 to 2014

| Country of birth and state of residence | 2002 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010* | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Country of birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 7,842,000 | 8,250,000 | 8,150,000 | 8,160,000 | 7,870,000 | 8,070,000 | 8,530,000 | 8,770,000 | 8,790,000 | 8,880,000 |
| Mexico | 2,364,000 | 2,650,000 | 2,750,000 | 2,720,000 | 2,570,000 | 2,600,000 | 2,650,000 | 2,690,000 | 2,670,000 | 2,710,000 |
| China, People's Republic | 201,000 | 210,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 190,000 | 220,000 | 260,000 | 280,000 | 310,000 | 330,000 |
| Philippines. | 329,000 | 310,000 | 300,000 | 300,000 | 280,000 | 300,000 | 330,000 | 340,000 | 340,000 | 340,000 |
| India | 217,000 | 200,000 | 210,000 | 220,000 | 200,000 | 220,000 | 240,000 | 240,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 |
| Dominican |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Republic | 322,000 | 310,000 | 290,000 | 290,000 | 280,000 | 280,000 | 300,000 | 310,000 | 300,000 | 300,000 |
| Cuba | 208,000 | 230,000 | 220,000 | 220,000 | 230,000 | 240,000 | 280,000 | 300,000 | 290,000 | 300,000 |
| Vietnam. | 259,000 | 220,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 190,000 | 210,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 |
| El Salvador | 178,000 | 220,000 | 240,000 | 260,000 | 240,000 | 240,000 | 260,000 | 260,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 |
| Canada | 257,000 | 260,000 | 260,000 | 260,000 | 250,000 | 260,000 | 260,000 | 260,000 | 260,000 | 260,000 |
| Korea | 227,000 | 180,000 | 170,000 | 170,000 | 160,000 | 160,000 | 170,000 | 180,000 | 180,000 | 190,000 |
| United |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kingdom | 209,000 | 230,000 | 230,000 | 230,000 | 230,000 | 230,000 | 230,000 | 240,000 | 240,000 | 230,000 |
| Haiti | 125,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 130,000 | 140,000 | 150,000 | 160,000 | 160,000 | 150,000 |
| Jamaica. | 164,000 | 160,000 | 160,000 | 150,000 | 140,000 | 150,000 | 160,000 | 160,000 | 160,000 | 160,000 |
| Colombia. | 105,000 | 110,000 | 110,000 | 110,000 | 100,000 | 110,000 | 130,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 |
| Guatemala. | 80,000 | 110,000 | 110,000 | 110,000 | 110,000 | 110,000 | 120,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 120,000 |
| Germany | 155,000 | 160,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 140,000 |
| Japan | 94,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 110,000 | 110,000 | 110,000 | 110,000 | 120,000 | 120,000 |
| Peru | 67,000 | NA | 70,000 | 70,000 | 70,000 | 70,000 | 80,000 | 80,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 |
| Poland. | 118,000 | 110,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 110,000 | 110,000 | 110,000 | 110,000 |
| Pakistan | 53,000 | NA | NA | 60,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 60,000 | 60,000 | 60,000 | 70,000 |
| State of residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 7,842,000 | 8,250,000 | 8,150,000 | 8,160,000 | 7,870,000 | 8,070,000 | 8,530,000 | 8,770,000 | 8,790,000 | 8,880,000 |
| California. | 2,355,000 | 2,490,000 | 2,500,000 | 2,460,000 | 2,320,000 | 2,370,000 | 2,440,000 | 2,480,000 | 2,440,000 | 2,470,000 |
| New York. | 1,118,000 | 1,030,000 | 970,000 | 950,000 | 920,000 | 950,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,050,000 | 1,050,000 | 1,040,000 |
| Texas | 800,000 | 840,000 | 870,000 | 900,000 | 860,000 | 880,000 | 920,000 | 930,000 | 950,000 | 960,000 |
| Florida. | 593,000 | 680,000 | 680,000 | 690,000 | 680,000 | 710,000 | 790,000 | 830,000 | 830,000 | 830,000 |
| New Jersey | 350,000 | 350,000 | 340,000 | 340,000 | 320,000 | 320,000 | 360,000 | 370,000 | 360,000 | 370,000 |
| Illinois | 348,000 | 370,000 | 360,000 | 350,000 | 340,000 | 350,000 | 370,000 | 370,000 | 370,000 | 380,000 |
| Massachusetts | 190,000 | 190,000 | 180,000 | 180,000 | 170,000 | 180,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 |
| Virginia | 133,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 130,000 | 140,000 | 150,000 | 160,000 | 160,000 | 160,000 |
| Washington . | 132,000 | 170,000 | 160,000 | 170,000 | 160,000 | 170,000 | 170,000 | 180,000 | 180,000 | 180,000 |
| Arizona | 133,000 | 150,000 | 160,000 | 160,000 | 160,000 | 170,000 | 170,000 | 180,000 | 180,000 | 190,000 |
| Georgia . | 82,000 | 110,000 | 110,000 | 110,000 | 110,000 | 120,000 | 130,000 | 140,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| Maryland. . | 114,000 | 120,000 | 120,000 | 120,000 | 120,000 | 120,000 | 130,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 |
| Pennsylvania | 126,000 | 130,000 | 120,000 | 120,000 | 120,000 | 120,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 | 140,000 |
| Michigan . . | 114,000 | 130,000 | 120,000 | 120,000 | 120,000 | 120,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 |
| North Carolina | 53,000 | 70,000 | 70,000 | 70,000 | 70,000 | 80,000 | 80,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | 100,000 |
| Connecticut | 93,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 110,000 | 100,000 |
| Colorado | 67,000 | 80,000 | 80,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | 80,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | 100,000 |
| Ohio | 76,000 | 80,000 | 80,000 | 80,000 | 70,000 | 80,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 |
| Nevada | 51,000 | NA | NA | 70,000 | 70,000 | 80,000 | 80,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 |
| Minnesota . | 62,000 | 60,000 | 60,000 | 60,000 | 70,000 | 70,000 | 70,000 | 80,000 | 70,000 | 70,000 |

NA Not available.

* Revised as noted in the 1/1/2010 LPR population estimates published in July 2012.

Note: Detail may not sum to total due to rounding.
Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Appendix Table 3.
Percentage of Lawful Permanent Resident Population Eligible to Naturalize by Country of Birth and State of Residence: September 2002 and January 2006 to 2014

| Country of birth and state of residence | 2002 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010* | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Country of birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 68.5 | 68.1 | 63.8 | 64.7 | 63.2 | 63.8 | 65.3 | 66.0 | 66.9 | 67.4 |
| Mexico . . . . | 76.1 | 80.1 | 79.3 | 80.2 | 78.5 | 78.9 | 79.9 | 80.6 | 81.3 | 82.5 |
| China, People's Republic . . |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Republic . . . | 49.3 | 45.7 | 39.2 | 39.1 | 36.5 | 39.2 | 43.4 | 44.8 | 47.4 | 48.8 |
| Philippines. . | 64.4 | 57.4 | 52.6 | 52.8 | 51.5 | 53.1 | 55.6 | 57.2 | 58.6 | 58.8 |
| India | 49.2 | 39.2 | 40.4 | 41.9 | 39.2 | 43.8 | 45.6 | 44.0 | 45.9 | 45.1 |
| Dominican |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Republic . | 79.5 | 72.1 | 65.9 | 68.7 | 67.7 | 64.6 | 63.5 | 63.5 | 62.6 | 61.6 |
| Cuba. | 72.7 | 74.2 | 64.7 | 63.7 | 64.2 | 64.7 | 68.4 | 70.1 | 71.6 | 71.0 |
| Vietnam. | 70.4 | 64.7 | 60.6 | 62.5 | 61.8 | 61.7 | 61.7 | 60.9 | 60.7 | 61.2 |
| El Salvador | 64.0 | 68.8 | 70.6 | 75.5 | 74.2 | 76.0 | 77.0 | 77.4 | 77.9 | 77.1 |
| Canada | 79.6 | 78.8 | 76.5 | 78.2 | 77.7 | 79.0 | 80.3 | 80.9 | 82.1 | 82.8 |
| Korea | 75.4 | 66.7 | 60.7 | 62.1 | 58.3 | 58.2 | 60.5 | 61.3 | 62.5 | 63.8 |
| United |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kingdom | 79.5 | 79.3 | 76.7 | 78.4 | 78.0 | 78.6 | 80.2 | 80.9 | 81.8 | 81.6 |
| Haiti | 59.2 | 63.6 | 63.6 | 61.6 | 57.2 | 57.1 | 59.0 | 60.4 | 62.2 | 63.1 |
| Jamaica. | 71.9 | 72.7 | 66.7 | 65.3 | 64.2 | 64.7 | 65.7 | 66.4 | 66.7 | 66.9 |
| Colombia. | 63.6 | 57.9 | 50.0 | 47.4 | 45.4 | 47.6 | 53.8 | 57.3 | 59.6 | 61.1 |
| Guatemala. . | 63.0 | 64.7 | 57.9 | 61.0 | 60.5 | 63.3 | 66.4 | 68.2 | 69.3 | 68.5 |
| Germany . | 83.8 | 84.2 | 78.9 | 81.8 | 81.8 | 81.6 | 82.5 | 83.2 | 84.0 | 84.2 |
| Japan | 77.0 | 76.9 | 76.9 | 78.3 | 78.6 | 79.9 | 80.9 | 81.1 | 82.8 | 83.7 |
| Peru | 61.5 | NA | 53.8 | 51.4 | 49.4 | 51.2 | 55.0 | 58.0 | 61.2 | 61.9 |
| Poland. | 72.4 | 68.8 | 62.5 | 62.6 | 64.0 | 68.4 | 72.6 | 76.6 | 78.7 | 79.5 |
| Pakistan | 46.5 | NA | NA | 46.4 | 42.7 | 41.4 | 43.1 | 45.4 | 46.5 | 49.3 |
| State of residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 68.5 | 68.1 | 63.8 | 64.7 | 63.2 | 63.8 | 65.3 | 66.0 | 66.9 | 67.4 |
| California. | 71.0 | 72.6 | 70.6 | 71.7 | 69.9 | 71.2 | 72.2 | 72.7 | 73.7 | 74.5 |
| New York. . | 71.9 | 69.1 | 62.2 | 61.9 | 60.4 | 60.5 | 61.6 | 63.1 | 63.4 | 63.4 |
| Texas | 73.6 | 72.4 | 70.2 | 72.5 | 70.7 | 70.8 | 71.7 | 71.1 | 71.5 | 71.8 |
| Florida. | 63.9 | 65.4 | 59.6 | 59.0 | 57.5 | 58.5 | 62.5 | 64.3 | 66.3 | 66.4 |
| New Jersey | 64.2 | 61.4 | 57.6 | 58.7 | 56.9 | 57.1 | 59.6 | 60.5 | 61.1 | 61.3 |
| Illinois. | 67.2 | 67.3 | 62.1 | 63.9 | 63.3 | 65.0 | 66.9 | 67.9 | 69.1 | 70.1 |
| Massachusetts | 65.7 | 63.3 | 56.3 | 58.2 | 56.1 | 57.8 | 59.7 | 60.0 | 60.6 | 60.9 |
| Virginia . . . . | 59.9 | 58.3 | 53.8 | 54.0 | 51.4 | 52.3 | 53.5 | 56.7 | 57.7 | 57.7 |
| Washington . . | 62.9 | 68.0 | 61.5 | 64.0 | 62.5 | 62.5 | 62.9 | 63.3 | 64.2 | 64.9 |
| Arizona | 71.5 | 68.2 | 66.7 | 68.5 | 67.2 | 68.1 | 68.1 | 69.2 | 70.0 | 72.2 |
| Georgia . . . . | 56.2 | 57.9 | 52.4 | 50.1 | 49.8 | 50.9 | 54.1 | 55.2 | 57.7 | 58.9 |
| Maryland . . | 58.8 | 57.1 | 52.2 | 54.8 | 52.0 | 52.5 | 53.7 | 55.1 | 56.1 | 56.9 |
| Pennsylvania | 64.0 | 61.9 | 54.5 | 55.1 | 54.5 | 54.8 | 56.8 | 57.6 | 57.8 | 57.7 |
| Michigan . . . | 61.0 | 65.0 | 57.1 | 58.6 | 58.7 | 59.1 | 61.1 | 60.8 | 62.6 | 63.4 |
| North Carolina | 56.4 | 58.3 | 53.8 | 53.7 | 51.9 | 53.3 | 55.1 | 55.6 | 57.3 | 58.3 |
| Connecticut . . | 68.4 | 64.3 | 56.3 | 60.9 | 58.9 | 60.5 | 62.3 | 64.1 | 66.7 | 66.1 |
| Colorado . | 63.8 | 61.5 | 61.5 | 64.9 | 63.7 | 62.8 | 63.6 | 62.8 | 63.9 | 65.8 |
| Ohio | 62.8 | 61.5 | 57.1 | 55.5 | 54.5 | 55.5 | 58.1 | 58.3 | 59.4 | 59.5 |
| Nevada | 60.7 | NA | NA | 62.1 | 60.8 | 62.2 | 64.8 | 66.4 | 68.0 | 68.8 |
| Minnesota . . | 62.0 | 54.5 | 50.0 | 50.8 | 50.8 | 51.0 | 52.9 | 56.1 | 57.3 | 57.1 |

NA Not available.

* Revised as noted in the 1/1/2010 LPR population estimates published in July 2012

Note: Detail may not sum to total due to rounding.
Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ For LPR population estimates for years prior to 2009, DHS assumed that the cumulative "citizenship" rate (derivative citizenship plus naturalization) for persons who were under 16 years of age when they became LPRs was the same as the rate for persons who were 16 years of age when obtaining LPR status.
    ${ }^{2}$ In this report, DHS does not directly adjust for termination of LPR status for reasons other than abandonment (e.g., failing to remove conditions), which introduces a small amount of error into the estimates. The emigration and mortality adjustments partly account for those who lost LPR status under such circumstances and subsequently left the United States permanently or died.

[^1]:    ${ }^{3} 2002$ was the first year for which DHS estimated the size and characteristics of the LPR and eligible to naturalize populations.

[^2]:    NA Not available.

    * Revised as noted in the 1/1/2010 LPR population estimates published in July 2012.

    Note: Detail may not sum to total due to rounding.
    Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

