

Indian Migration to the U.S.

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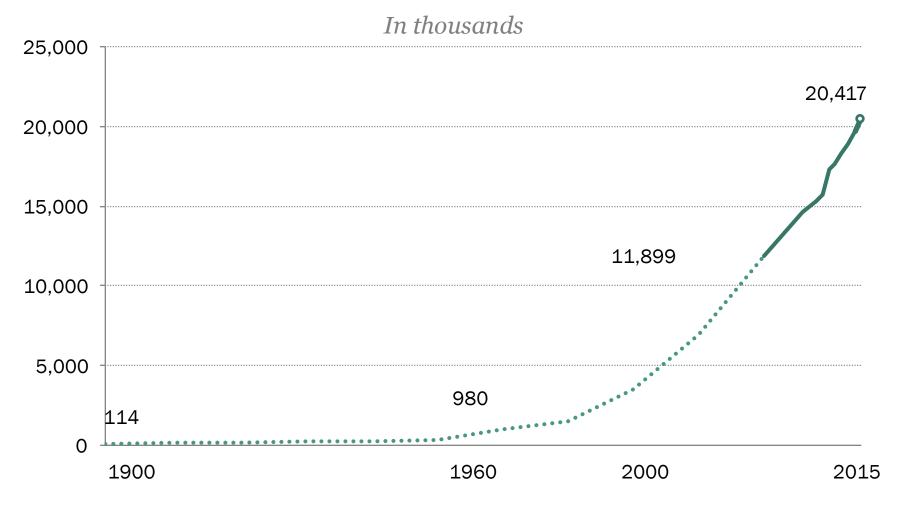
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Demographic Characteristics about Indians in U.S.



The Asian population in the U.S. has grown 72% since 2000



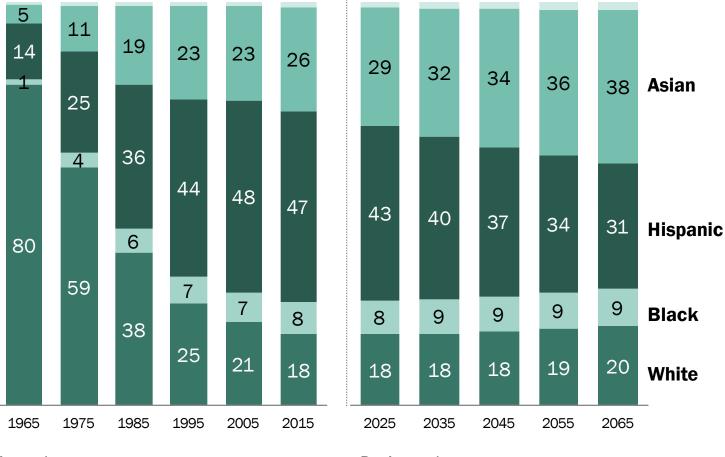
Note: In 2000 and later, Asians include the mixed-race and mixed-group populations, regardless of Hispanic origin. Prior to 2000, the Census only allowed one race category to be selected. Asians include Pacific Islanders in 1980 and earlier years.

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Source: Pew Research Center analysis of U.S. Census data

Asians projected to become largest immigrant group, surpassing Hispanics





Actual

Projected

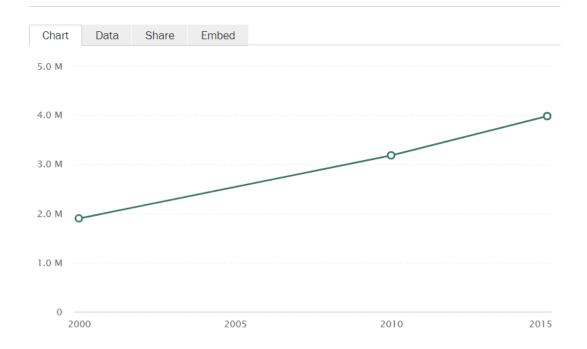
Note: Whites, blacks and Asians include only single-race non-Hispanics. Asians include Pacific Islanders. Hispanics are of any

race. Other races shown but not labeled.

Source: Pew Research Center estimates for 1965-2015 based on adjusted census data; Pew Research Center projections for Pew Research Center 3015-2065

Indian population in U.S. doubled since 2000

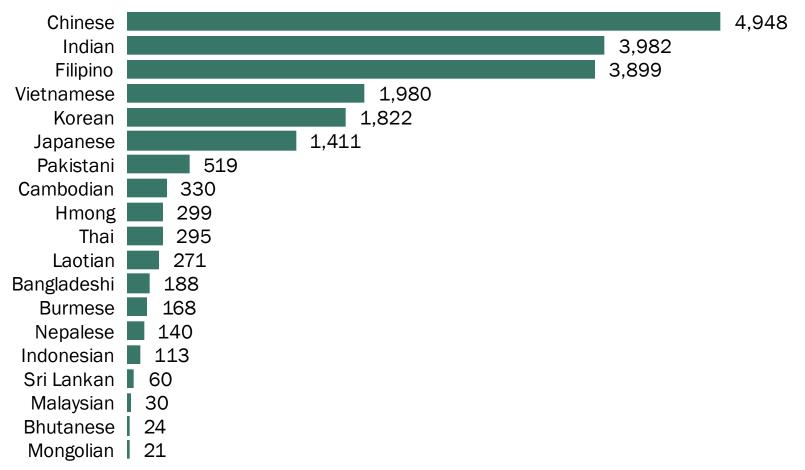
Indian population in the U.S., 2000-2015



Note: Based on mixed-race and mixed-group populations, regardless of Hispanic origin. See methodology for more detail. Source: 2000 and 2010 population estimates from U.S. Census Bureau, "The Asian Population: 2010" Census Brief, Table 6. 2015 population estimates from 2015 American Community Survey 1-year estimates (American FactFinder).

Indians are second largest group among Asians in the U.S., 2015

In thousands



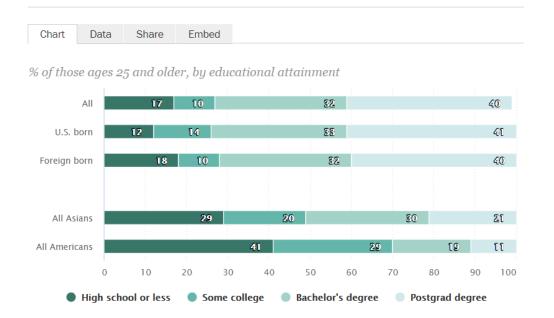
Note: Based on mixed-race and mixed-group populations, regardless of Hispanic origin. There is some overlap in numbers for individual Asian origin groups because people with origins in more than one group (e.g., "Chinese and Filipino") are counted in each group to which they belong. Chinese includes those identifying as Taiwanese. See methodology for more detail. Source: Population estimates from U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-year estimates (American Fact Finder).

Among U.S. immigrants, Indians are the third largest group, 2015

Country		%
Mexico	11,576,253	26.8
China	2,685,905	6.2
India	2,379,751	5.5
Philippines	1,986,443	4.6
El Salvador	1,359,100	3.1
Vietnam	1,310,994	3.0
Cuba	1,200,910	2.8
Dominican Republic	1,063,898	2.5
Korea	1,061,257	2.5
Guatemala	933,328	2.2

Indians are highly educated (72%) with bachelor's degrees or above compared to other U.S. Asians (51%) and General U.S. population (30%)

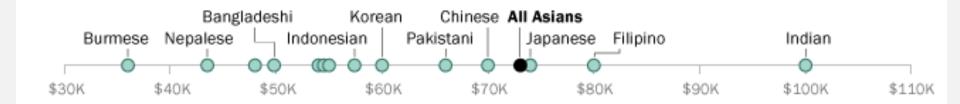
Educational attainment of Indian population in the U.S., 2015



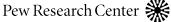
Note: "High school" refers to those who have attained a high school diploma or its equivalent, such as a General Education Development (GED) certificate. "Some college" includes those with an associate degree and those who attended college but did not obtain a degree. Figures may not sum to 100% due to rounding. Figures for Indians and all Asians based on mixed-race and mixed-group populations, regardless of Hispanic origin. See methodology for more detail. Source: Pew Research Center analysis of 2013-2015 American Community Survey (IPUMS).

Indians have the highest median household income (\$100k) among U.S. Asians (\$73k) compared with general U.S. population (\$53.6k)

Median annual household income, 2015



Note: Figure for all Asians based on mixed-race and mixed-group populations, regardless of Hispanic origin. Chinese includes those identifying as Taiwanese. Due to data limitations, figures for some groups are based on persons living in institutions, college dormitories and other group quarters. Households are classified by the race or detailed Asian group of the head. Source: Pew Research Center analysis of 2013-2015 American Community Survey (IPUMS).



Indian immigrants among biggest increases in naturalization rates between 2005 and 2015

Naturalization rates up among most immigrant groups in the U.S. since 2005

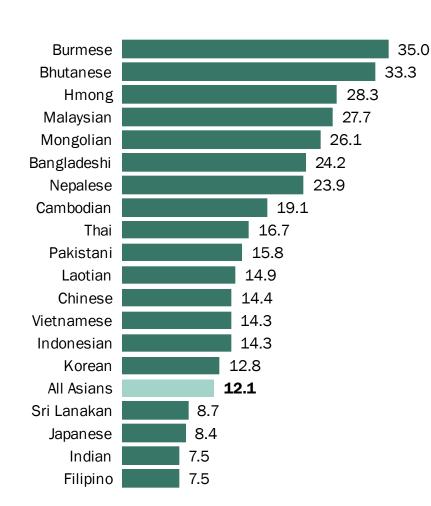
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% of immigrants eligible for U.S. citizenship who have naturalized, by country of origin

Country	2005	2015	Percentage point change, 2005-2015
Ecuador	55%	68%	+12
India	68	80	+12
Peru	63	72	+9
Haiti	63	72	+9
Vietnam	79	86	+7
Dominican Rep.	62	69	+7
Poland	74	81	+7
Jamaica	71	78	+7
Colombia	67	74	+6
Guatemala	38	44	+6
All	62	67	+6
Iran	80	85	+5
South Korea	76	80	+5
El Salvador	44	48	+5
Top 20	60	64	+4
Philippines	78	82	+3
Canada	58	62	+3
Mexico	38	42	+3
Germany	75	76	+1
Cuba	69	68	0
China	77	76	-1
Honduras	45	43	-2

Percent living in poverty, by group, 2015

%



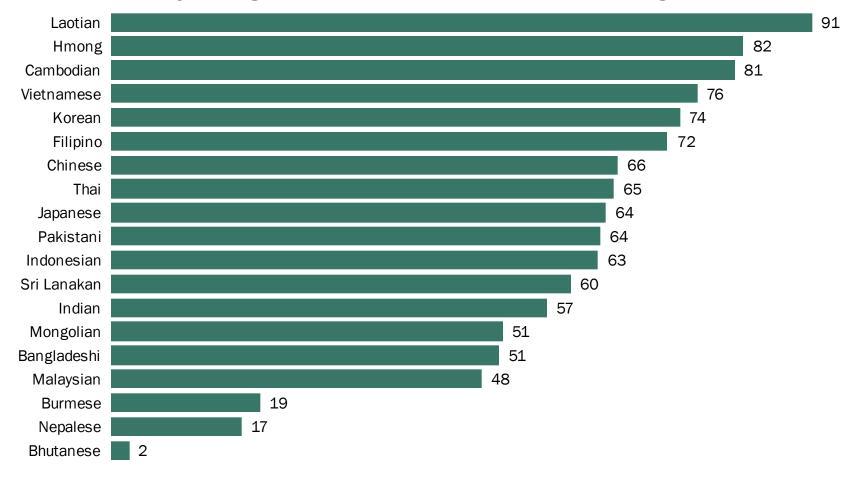
Note: Poverty status is determined for individuals in housing units and noninstitutional group quarters. It is unavailable for children younger than 15 who are not related to the householder, people living in institutional group quarters and people living in college dormitories or military barracks. Due to the way in which the IPUMS assigns poverty values, these data will differ from those provided by the U.S. Census Bureau. Source: Population estimates from U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-year estimates (American Fact Finder).

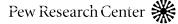
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Percent living in U.S. 10 years or more, by group, 2015

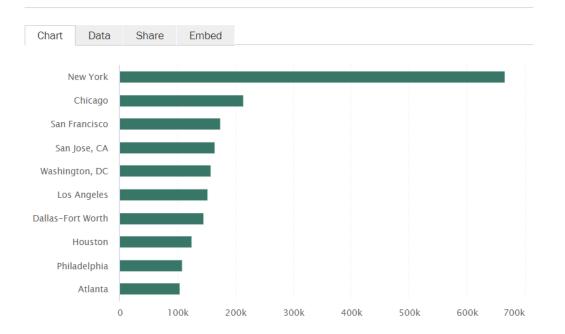
% of immigrants who have lived in the U.S. 10+ years





Indians are concentrated in large cities

Top 10 U.S. metropolitan areas by Indian population, 2015



Note: Based on mixed-race and mixed-group populations, regardless of Hispanic origin. See methodology for more detail. Source: Pew Research Center analysis of 2013-2015 American Community Survey (IPUMS).

One of the Main Sources of Migratory Flow to US: Foreign Students



Main Data Source for Foreign Student Data



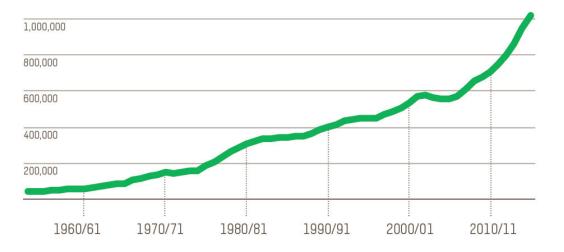
Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) data received via a FOIA request from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement



Over 1 million foreign students studying in the United States during 2015/16 school year

Number 1 destination of foreign students in the world

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE U.S. 1953/54-2015/16

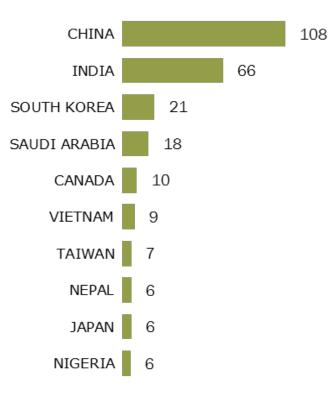


In 2015/16 there was **an increase of 7%** over the prior year in the number of international students in the U.S.

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Source: Institute for International Education, Open Doors.

Students from China, India and South Korea account for more than half (54%) of all foreign students pursuing higher educational degrees in 2016



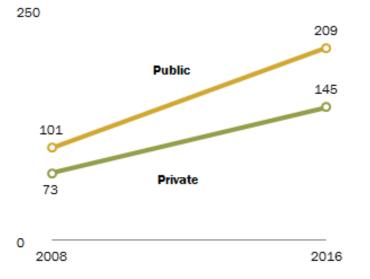
Note: This includes higher education only; associates, bachelors, masters, and doctorates degrees. The Great Recession began in December 2007 and ended in June 2009, as defined by the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Source: Pew Research Center Analysis of U.S Immigration and Customs Enforcement data received through a Freedom of Information Act Request.



Public colleges and universities saw faster growth in new foreign student enrollments between 2008 and 2016

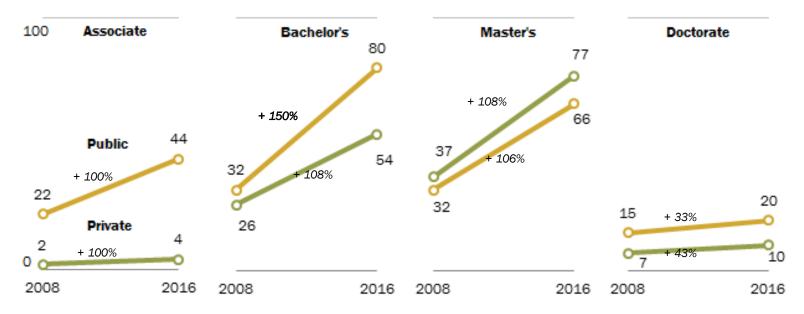
Number of foreign students with F-1 visas enrolled in associate, bachelors, master's or doctorate degree programs in U.S. (in thousands)



Note: Data based on calendaryears. Public and private schools are defined by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions. This chart excludes students at schools not categorized in the Carnegie classification system. Students on F-1 visas are assumed to be enrolled for studies at their sponsoring school. Source: Pew Research Center analysis of U.S Immigration and Customs Enforcement data received March 16, 2017, through a Freedom of Information Act request.

Public and private higher education enrollment of foreign students, 2008-2016

Number of foreign students with F-1 visas enrolled in degree programs in U.S., by degree type (in thousands)



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Cost of U.S. higher education increased significantly among public schools

U.S. Higher Education Cost Breakdowns for Foreign Students

In nominal \$US, 2008 and 2016

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		Growth of Total Cost	Growth of Average Cost	Total Cost	Average Cost	Total Cost	Average Cost
All Higher	Public	214%	51%	2,480,000,000	24,568	7,780,000,000	37,187
Education Levels	Private	190%	46%	2,590,000,000	35,549	7,520,000,000	51,999
Bachelor's	Public	312%	64%	811,000,000	25,534	3,340,000,000	41,808
Dachelor S	Private	217%	22%	876,000,000	33,266	2,780,000,000	40,454
Master's	Public	209%	52%	858,000,000	26,667	2,650,000,000	40,454
	Private	201%	46%	1,350,000,000	36,189	4,060,000,000	52,810
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Most "Popular" Universities 2016

Public

1	University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign	
2	Pennsylvania State University- Main Campus	
3	Arizona State University-Tempe	
4	Purdue University-Main Campus	
5	University of California-San Diego	
6	CUNY Bernard M Baruch College	
7	The University of Texas at Dallas	
8	University of California-Los Angeles	
9	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	
10	Indiana University-Bloomington	
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Private

1	New York University Columbia University in the City of	
2	New York	
3	University of Southern California	
4	Northeastern University	
5	Boston University	
6	Carnegie Mellon University	
7	Cornell University	
8	Johns Hopkins University	
9	Harrisburg University of Science and Technology	
10	University of Pennsylvania	
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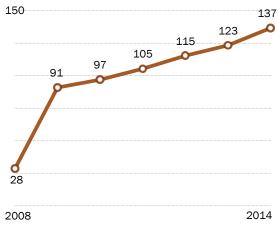
Work Authorization for Foreign Student Graduates: Optional Practical Training (OPT)



The OPT program has grown rapidly in recent years

Number of foreign students approved for OPT approvals, 2008 to 2014

In thousands



Notes: Numbers rounded to nearest thousands. Numbers are for each fiscal year.

Source: Congressional Research Service presentation of data from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, as cited in Ruth Ellen Wasem, "Temporary Professional, Managerial, and Skilled Foreign Workers: Policy and Trends" (Washington, DC: Congressional Research Service, January 13, 2016)

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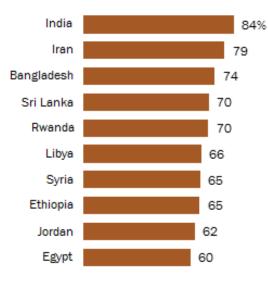
Foreign students from India and China accounted for more than half of all OPT approvals from 2012 to 2015

Of those applying for OPT:

STEM Majors had 75% employment rate compared to Non-STEM Majors (53%)

India and Iran have highest shares of OPT employees with STEM degrees

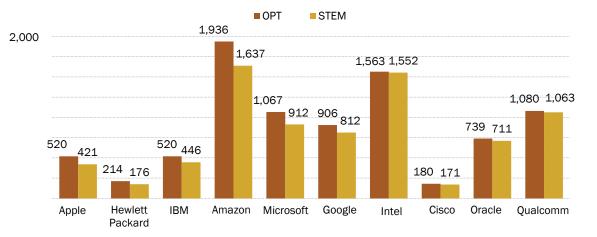
% of STEM OPT employment by country of origin, 2012-2015



Note: Dates are for calendaryears 2012-15. Source: Pew Research Center analysis of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement data received through a Freedom of Information Act request.

Ten tech companies in the Fortune 500 with the highest market valuation employed 8,725 or 3.5% of workers under the OPT program

Top 10 Fortune 500 companies with employed OPT students, including STEM



Number that technology companies hired...

Notes: Companies are listed from top to bottom in order of ranking. Data collected for the years 2012 to 2015

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Source: Pew Research Center analysis of Student and Exchange Visitor Information data received via FOIA request from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.



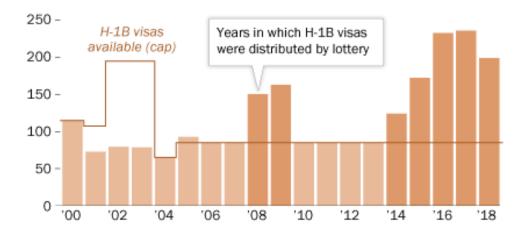
Main Pathway for Longer Term Retention in US: Temporary Employment-Based Visa System



H-1B visa applications have exceeded supply for the past five years

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Number of capped H-1B applications, by fiscal year, in thousands



Notes: Due to rollover from previous fiscal years, some application totals may exceed the cap. Beginning in fiscal 2005, an additional 20,000 H-1B visas were added to the cap for foreign advanced degree graduates of U.S. universities. For fiscal years 2004, 2006-07 and 2010-13, the cap was reached but total applications were not published. Data not available for fiscal years 1990 to 1999. Source: Pew Research Center analysis of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services data.

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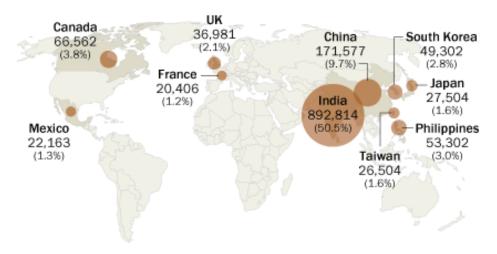
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H-1B petitions approved, by country of birth (initial employment), fiscal years 2001-2015



Notes: Fiscal year begins Oct. 1 and ends Sept. 30. Top 10 countries of birth by approved H-1Bs for initial employment only. Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services annual reports to Congress on H-1B petitions.

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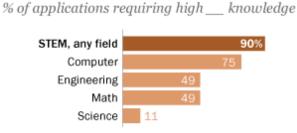
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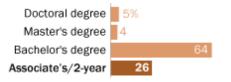


Most H-1B applications seek STEM knowledge, but 1 in 4 don't require a bachelor's degree

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% of applications requiring ...



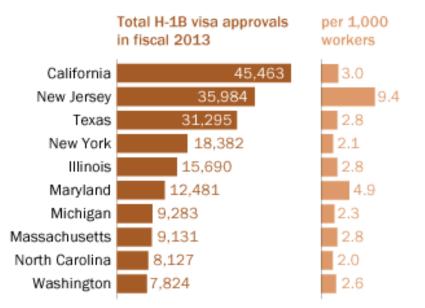
Note: Does not include Post-Secondary Certificate, Some College Courses, Less than a High School Diploma, or High School Diploma (or GED or High School Equivalence Certificate). Source: Pew Research Center analysis of data from U.S. Labor Department's Labor Condition Applications for 2011 and O*NET.

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More than half of all H-1B visa approvals in fiscal 2013 went to employers in four states

California, New Jersey and Texas are top states for H-1B visa approvals



Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. H-1B visa approvals rate calculated using U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics annual average employment data.



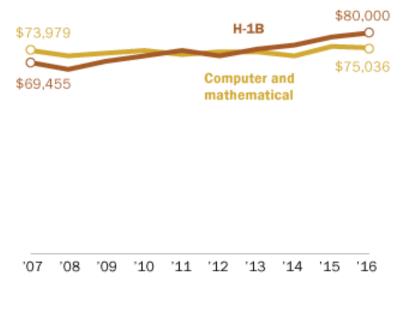
Salaries have risen for High-Skilled Workers on H-1B Visas

Median salary for H-1B workers has increased to \$80,000 over the past decade

Median salary (2016 dollars) on H-1B visa applications and for U.S. workers, fiscal years 2007 to 2016

Source: Pew Research Center analysis of U.S.

Citizenship and Immigration Services data and Current Population Survey data from U.S. Bureau



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of Labor Statistics.

Top prospective employers of foreign workers with H-1B visas

Companies with the highest number of approved H-1B visa applications and average annual salary, fiscal year 2016

Employer	Approved applications	Average salary
Cognizant Tech Solutions	21,459	\$84,303
Infosys	12,780	\$84,344
Tata Consultancy Services	11,295	\$71,819
Accenture	6,831	\$79,416
Wipro	6,819	\$73,937
IBM	3,569 📕	\$79,275
Microsoft	3,556	\$126,096
HCL America	3,492	\$83,980
Tech Mahindra Americas	3,344	\$76,737
Deloitte Consulting	3,114	\$102,558
Amazon	2,739 📕	\$115,257
Google	2,517	\$131,882
Syntel Consulting	2,286	\$67,145
Capgemini America	2,024	\$71,667
Apple	1,992 📕	\$138,563
Intel	1,873 📕	\$101,025
Larsen & Toubro Infotech	1,558	\$76,643
Ernst & Young	1,552	\$96,316
Cisco Sys	1,529	\$121,372
JP Morgan Chase & Co.	1,467	\$111,469
Oracle America	1,448	\$118,507
Qualcomm Technologies	1,254	\$118,155
Capgemini America	1,252	\$84,274
L & T Tech Services	1,143	\$65,246
UST	1,136	\$71,371
Facebook	1,107	\$140,758
Mindtree	1,103	\$73,691
PricewaterhouseCoopers	1,050	\$82,363
Capgemini Financial Service	s 1,048	\$91,068
Mphasis	1,016	\$81,750

Note: Data is of applications approved by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; includes first-time and renewal applications, and applications subject to an annual cap and those not subject to one. Capgemini America appears multiple times because it has several tax ID numbers where H-1B visa applications were filed.

Source: Pew Research Center analysis of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services data.



From Temporary to Permanent Residency: The Green Card System

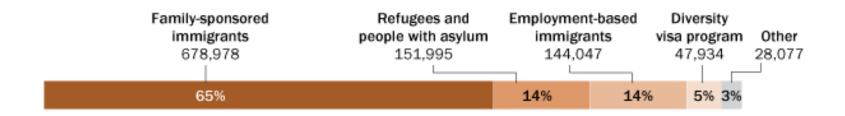


U.S. Green Card system is majority family-based

One million immigrants receive lawful permanent resident status each year – also known as a green card – that puts them on a path to citizenship, and most are sponsored by family members

About two-thirds of new green cards went to family members of U.S. lawful immigrants in 2015

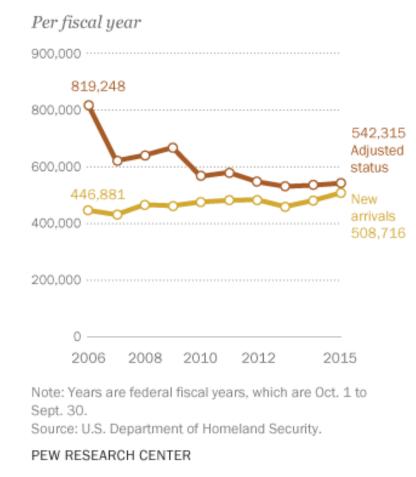
Admission categories for 2015 lawful permanent residents



Note: "Other" includes parolees. Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Most Green Cards goes to those already living in the U.S.

More green cards go to residents who adjust their status than to new arrivals

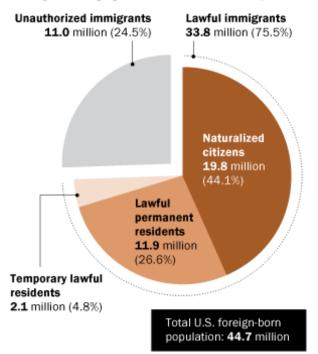


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Overall, there are 34 million lawful immigrants in the U.S.

Nearly 34 million lawful immigrants live in the U.S.

Foreign-born population estimates, 2015



Note: All numbers are rounded independently and are not adjusted to sum to U.S. total or other totals. Source: Pew Research Center estimates for 2015 based on augmented American Community Survey (IPUMS).

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