

CITIZENS

Obtained by:

- Born in US
- Naturalize – 2017 707,000
- Born outside US to US citizen parent

Benefits:

- Work legally
- Travel freely without restriction
- Vote
- Receive public benefits
- Sponsor

Immediate Relative

- Parents
- Spouse
- Children <21/ unmarried

Preference Category

- Siblings (14-24 yrs)
- Sons/daughters (7-22 years)

Proven via:

- Passport
- Consular report of birth abroad
- Birth certificate
- Naturalization certificate

ALIENS

Permanent

Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR)

Obtained by:

- Family based - 66% - immediate relative/ preference category
- Employment based - 12%
- Humanitarian - 17%
- Lottery - 5%
- FY 2017 > 1.1 million

Benefits:

- Work legally
- Travel w/restrictions
- Possibly eligible for public benefits
- Sponsor:

Preference Category

- Spouses
- Children
- Unmarried sons/daughters
- 2-22 years

Proven via:

- Card – status doesn't expire
- Stamp in passport
- Approval notice

Asylees

Refugees

Temporary

Non-immigrants

- A—V
- Tourists
 - Students
 - Au Pairs
 - Diplomats
 - Performers
 - Athletes
 - Workers
- FY 2017 > 181 million

Humanitarian

- Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA)
- U Visa
- T Visa
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status - SIJ
- Temporary Protected Status - TPS
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals - DACA

Undocumented

- 11 million
- 42% overstay
- 58% illegal entry
- Cannot work – work permit always tied to benefit
- Cannot get public benefits
- Deportable
- Bars to re-entry
- Ineligible to adjust status often

* <https://www.dhs.gov/immigration-statistics/yearbook/2017/table6#>