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Interlinkages between Demographic Change, Urbanization and Migration: Policy Implications
Immigrants in the U.S., Number and Percent, 1900-2017
Plus Census Bureau Projections to 2060
About one in every eight U.S. residents (13.5%) is foreign-born.

The five largest immigrant populations in the United States are from:

- Mexico: 24.8%
- Other Countries: 56.8%
- India: 5.9%
- China: 4.9%
- Phillipines: 4.5%
- El Salvador: 3.1%

Source: U.S. Census 2020 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates
The majority of U.S. immigrants (77%) have authorization.

Documented: 77%

More than half (50.9%) of all immigrants have become United States citizens.

Non-Citizen: 49.1%
Citizen: 50.9%

Source: Pew Research Center estimates based on augmented 2017 U.S. Census Bureau data

Source: U.S. Census 2020 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates
Persons Obtaining Lawful Permanent Residency by Class of Admission, Fiscal Year 2016

- Family-Based: 68%
- Employment-Based: 12%
- Refugees: 10%
- Diversity Visa: 4%
- Other: 6%

Source: U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec.
20 metropolitan areas with the largest number of immigrants in 2018

Source: Pew Research Center analysis of 2018 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS).
### Educational attainment among U.S. immigrants, 2018

% among those ages 25 and older

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<td><strong>U.S. born</strong></td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td><strong>Foreign born</strong></td>
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Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of the 2018 American Community Survey (IPUMS).
Health Care Access and Use among Immigrant Adults by Immigration Status, 2023

- **Naturalized Citizens**
- **Lawfully Present Immigrants**
- **Likely Undocumented Immigrants**

### No Usual Source of Care Other than Emergency Room
- 12% (Naturalized)
- 18% (Lawfully Present)
- 38% ( Likely Undocumented)

### No Doctor Visit in the Past 12 Months
- 18% (Naturalized)
- 26% (Lawfully Present)
- 37% (Likely Undocumented)

### Skipped or Postponed Care in the Past 12 Months
- 19% (Naturalized)
- 22% (Lawfully Present)
- 31% (Likely Undocumented)

**SOURCE:** KFF/LA Times Survey of Immigrants (April 10 - June 12, 2023)
U.S. immigrants are seen more as a strength than a burden to the country

% who say immigrants today ...

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