Definitions

**Immigrant** - A person who leaves one country to settle permanently in another.

**Migrant** - One who moves from one region to another by chance, instinct, or plan.

**Refugee** - Persons (outside their home country)... (fleeing) persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution.

**Asylee** - Persons (in the US or at a port of entry) ... (fleeing) persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution.

Categories of Foreign-Born in US
Summarized by the International Institute of St. Louis www.iistl.org

 Citizenship Track
416-675k annually

Immigrants, aka Permanent Legal Residents

Family-Sponsored

Employer-Sponsored, aka Labor Certification (H-1B)

Diversity Visas, aka “The Lottery”

Refugees

Political Asylees

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Employer-Sponsored, aka Labor Certification (H-1B)

Diversity Visas, aka “The Lottery”

Refugees

Political Asylees

Visitors

Students

Guest Workers (H-2a & H-2b)

Artists, Entertainers & Athletes

Intra-company Transfers

Special Occupations

Temporary or Seasonal Workers

Work-Authorized?

Yes!

No!

Usually Not

Yes with time limits

No!

Temporary Visa Holders
11 Mil annually

Undocumented or Out of Status
11 Mil (est.)

Crossed Border Illegally

Overstayed Time-Limited Visa

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