US DETENTION CENTER: ARIZONA

Reduce
Reuse
Recycle
100 Questions
for
Citizenship

FACT: Under current laws, non-citizens and people who have been lawful permanent residents for fewer than five years are **ineligible for most federal public assistance.**[1]

Thus, most migrants following the roadmap to citizenship will be **ineligible for public benefits** for a *minimum* of **13 years,**

FACT: Due to the current backlogs, **4.4 million people** are waiting for visas.[1]

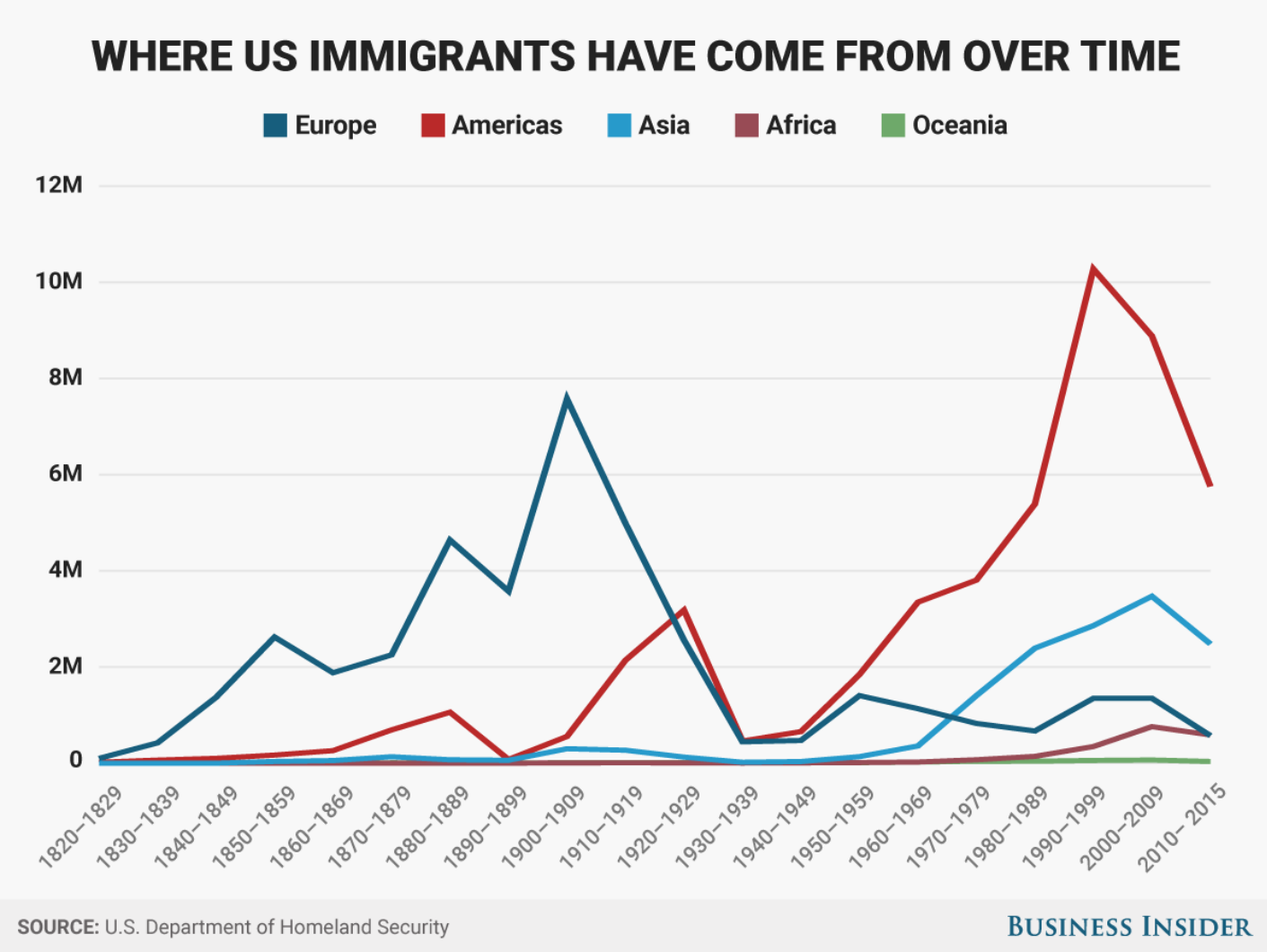
Many people have been waiting **10-20 years or longer,** often to reunite with their families.

FACT: **80%** of Americans, regardless of their political orientation, support broad immigration reform that includes a roadmap to citizenship.[1]

FACT: **The border is MORE secure than ever.**

In **2012** the United States spent **$18 billion** on immigration enforcement, exceeding spending for **all other federal law enforcement agencies combined.**[1]

Unauthorized border crossings are at a **40-year low, less than 1/3** of what they were at their peak, with a **500%** increase in Border Patrol agents since 9/11.[2]


WHERE US IMMIGRANTS HAVE COME FROM OVER TIME
Europe
Americas
Asia
Africa
Oceania
12M
10M
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4M
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1820–1829
1830–1839
1840–1849
1850–1859
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1990–1999
2000–2009
2010–2015
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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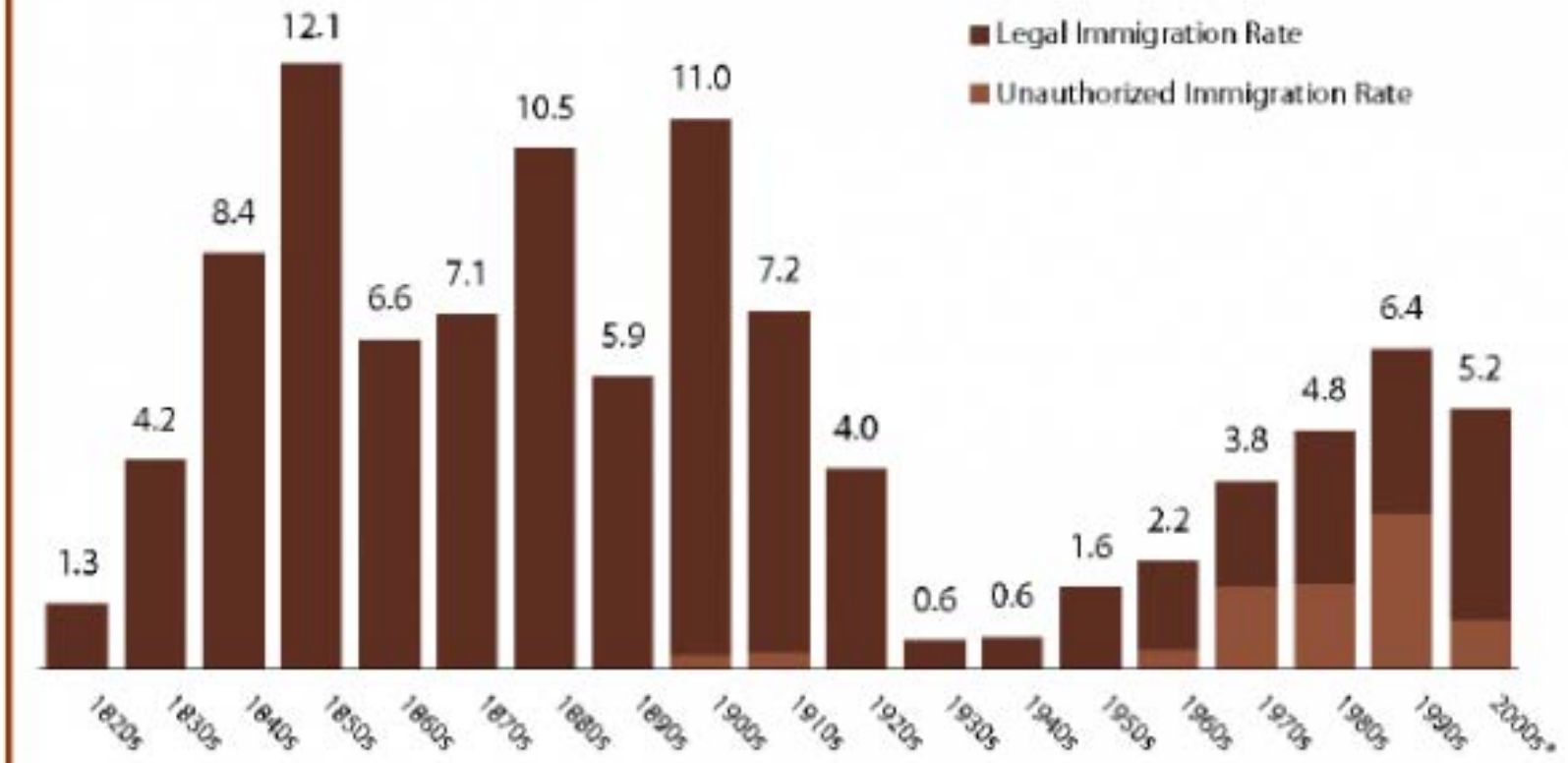
Figure 5

Immigration Rate, by Decade: 1820s through 2000s*

(average annual immigrants per 1,000 population)



Note: Unauthorized migration is net; legal immigration is arrivals only. Rates shown are rounded.

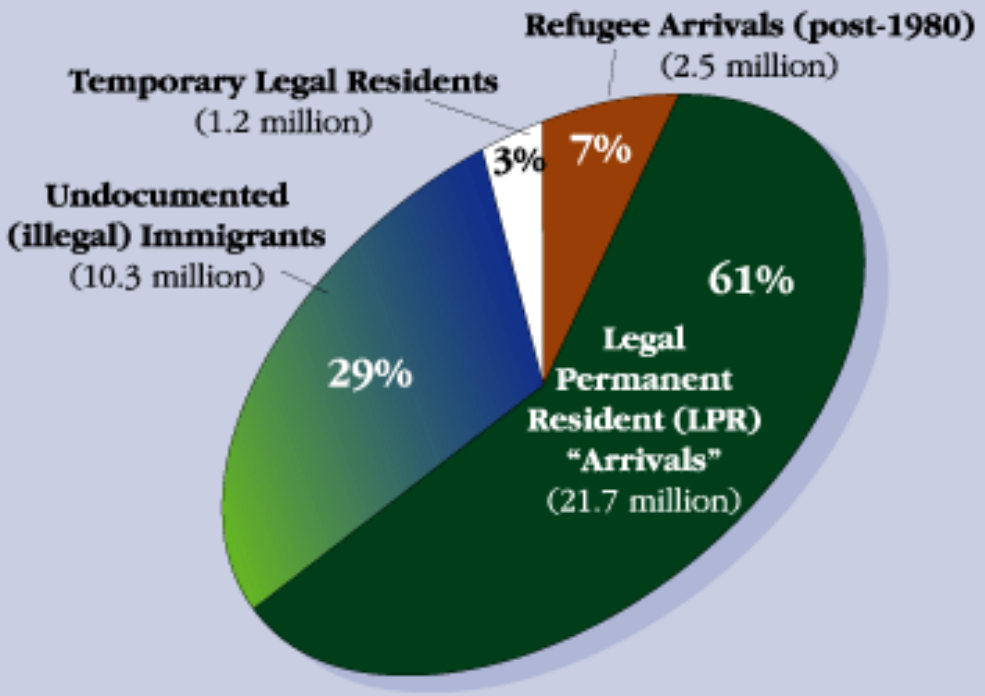
* 2000–2005 only.

Source: Pew Research Center, 2008

Majority of Immigrants in U.S. Are Legal

More than 21 million legal "permanent" immigrants live in the United States — more than twice the number of illegal immigrants.

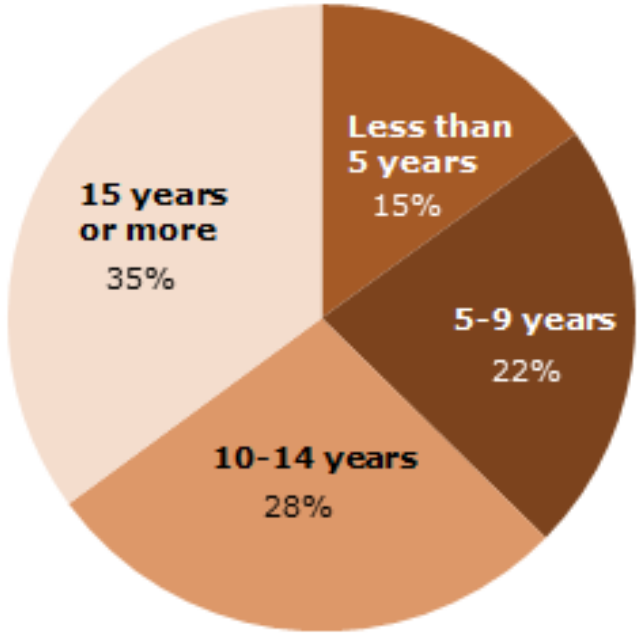
Status of Immigrants in U.S.



Sources: Jeffrey S. Passel, "Estimates of the Size and Characteristics of the Undocumented Population," Pew Hispanic Center, March 21, 2005, based on data from the March 2004 "Current Population Survey" by the Census Bureau and Department of Labor

Figure 1

Unauthorized Adults by Duration of Residence in the U.S., 2010



Note: Based on adults age 18 and older at the time of the survey.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of the augmented March 2010 Current Population Survey; data adjusted for survey omissions

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Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities

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- **Become a Welcoming Congregation**
- **Advocate**
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Nepal/ Bhutan

El Salvador

Nigeria

Myanmar/ Burma

<u>WHERE</u> would you go?
<u>WHO</u> would you ask for help?
<u>WHAT</u> would you take with you

Ways to help – NOW

1. Pray for Refugees / Immigrants
2. Tell the truth and share the facts
3. Call Wisconsin elected officials
4. Sign Postcard & send to representatives – get more for your whole church!
6. Sign up for action alerts at lirs.org
7. Follow LIRS, ELCA AMMPARO, and Greater Milwaukee Synod on Facebook

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8. Consider joining the sanctuary movement (Like Ascencion and Hepatha)
9. Request a guest speaker to share about his or her experiences at your church
10. Connect with the GMS El Salvador team, refugee/ immigration task force
11. Host a “Know Your Rights” seminar at your church for immigrants
12. Volunteer with Lutheran Social Services (Refugees) or VOCES (Immigrants)
13. Donate to Lutheran Social Services (WI) Lutheran Immigration Refugee Services (USA), Lutheran World Federation

What did you learn?
What surprised you?
What do you want to learn more about?

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