

Naturalizations in Fiscal Year 2021

- 808,000 new citizens
- Up from 625,400 (during FY 2020)
- Closer to FY 2019's 843,593 naturalized citizens (highest in 11 years)
- 40% towards our campaign goal of 2 million new citizens by end of 2022

Naturalization Data in FY2020

- 35% of naturalized citizens were from Mexico (13.3%), India (7.7%), Philippines (5.3%), Cuba (5.0%), and China (3.7%)
- 71% resided in 10 states: California, Florida, Texas, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Massachusetts, Illinois, Georgia, and Virginia
- 40% were 30-44 years old; around 18% were younger than 30 years old
- 55.7% of naturalized citizens were women
- Median time spent as an LPR before naturalizing: 7.1. Years (though this ranges, 12.1 years for Mexican Americans, compared to 4.3 years for Iraqi Americans)

Naturalizations in Recent History

FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
653,416	730,259	753,060	707,265	761,901	843,593	625,400	808,000

Naturalization #s in Context

- Backlog of 907,424 naturalization applications as of June 30, 2021 (compared to 1,020,351 as of Dec. 30, 2020; 12% reduction) and median processing time of 12.2 months
- Naturalization victories like civics test, reversal of RFE and NTA policies, not moving forward on fee increases and limitation of fee waivers, and Interagency Working Group on Promoting Naturalization
- Policy objectives: Congressional funding for USCIS backlog reduction; Citizenship and Integration Grant Programs; automatic voter registration at USCIS; fees

To get involved in policy advocacy efforts

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