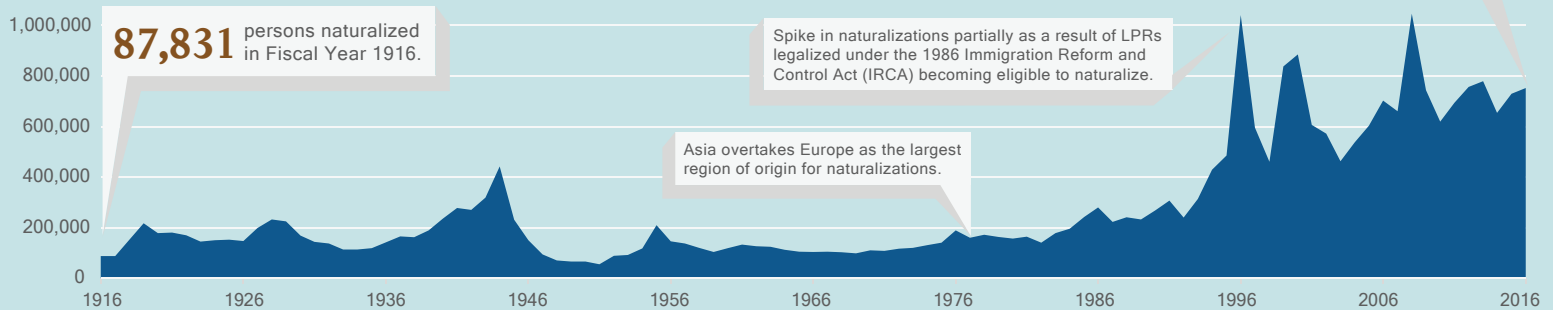


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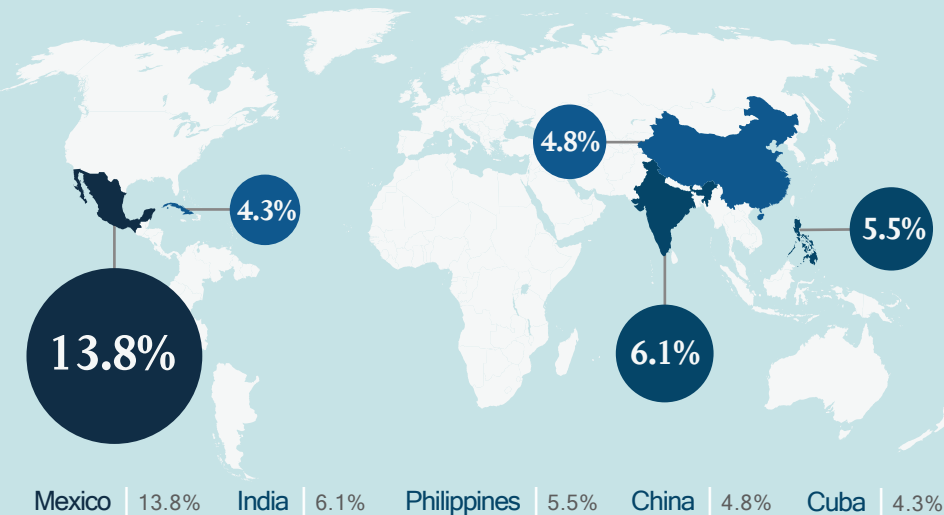
2016 Naturalizations

The naturalization process confers U.S. citizenship upon foreign citizens or nationals who have fulfilled the requirements established by Congress in the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). After naturalization, foreign-born citizens enjoy nearly all of the same benefits, rights, and responsibilities that the Constitution gives to native-born U.S. citizens, including the right to vote. Naturalization numbers presented include form N-400 applicants, ages 18 and up, and do not include persons under the age of 18 who derived citizenship. This graphic provides information for persons who naturalized in Fiscal Year 2016.

NATURALIZATIONS OVER TIME



TOP 5 COUNTRIES OF BIRTH



55.8% of persons naturalized in 2016 were **female** and **44.2%** were **male**.



TIME TO NATURALIZATION

Persons naturalizing in Fiscal Year 2016 spent a median of

7 Years

in lawful permanent resident (LPR) status before becoming citizens, unchanged from the previous four years.

Median years in LPR status for persons naturalized in Fiscal Year 2016 was:



TOP 5 STATES OF RESIDENCE

