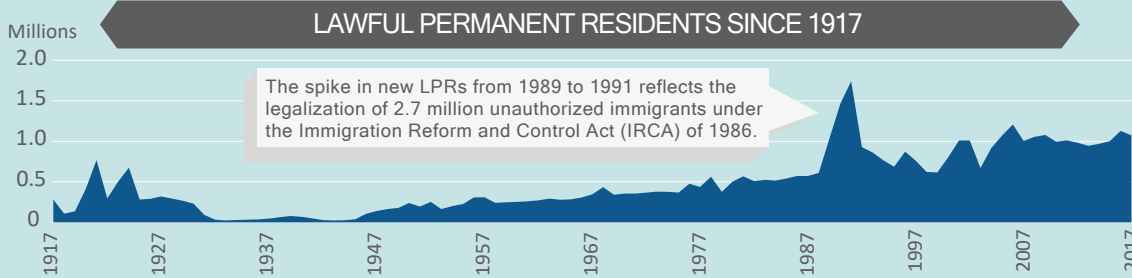


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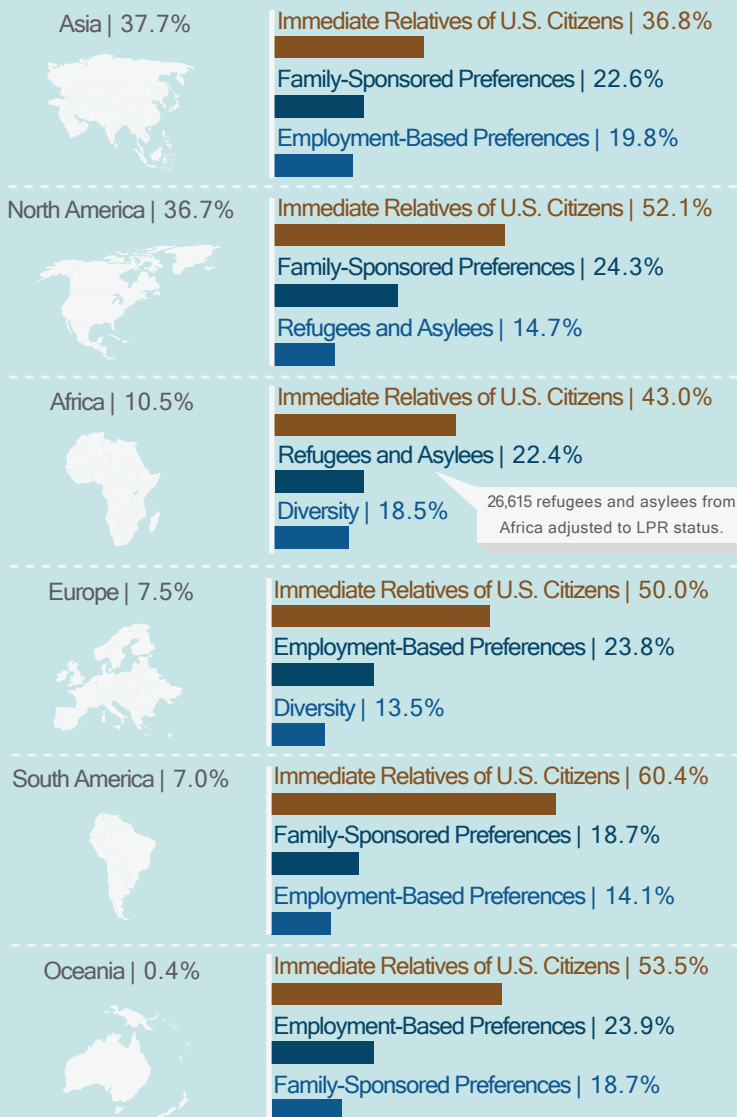
## 2017 Lawful Permanent Residents

A lawful permanent resident (LPR) or “green card” recipient is defined by immigration law as a person who has been granted lawful permanent residence in the United States. Lawful permanent residents may live and work permanently in the United States; own property; attend public schools, colleges, and universities; join the U.S. Armed Forces; and apply for U.S. citizenship after meeting certain eligibility requirements. This graphic provides information on people who received LPR status in Fiscal Year 2017.



There were  
**1,127,167**  
new lawful permanent residents in Fiscal Year 2017. About 51% were new arrivals to the United States.

### LPRs BY REGION OF BIRTH & TOP CATEGORIES OF ADMISSION



### LPRs BY CATEGORY OF ADMISSION

