
7. NATURALIZATIONS

This section presents information on the number and characteristics of persons who naturalize in the United States.

Naturalization refers to the conferring of U.S. citizenship, by any means, upon a person after birth. (See Glossary.) There are five ways of becoming a U.S. citizen: naturalization in a court ceremony; naturalization through an administrative hearing; derivation through the naturalization of parents; acquisition at birth abroad to citizen parents; and legislation conferring citizenship upon certain groups of persons (see Limitations of Data). As part of the naturalization process, applicants pledge an oath of allegiance to the United States, thereby renouncing allegiance to their former countries of nationality.

U.S. Naturalization Program

To naturalize, an immigrant must fulfill certain requirements set forth in the Immigration and Nationality Act concerning age, lawful admission, and residence in the United States. These general naturalization provisions specify that an alien must: be at least 18 years of age; have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence; and have resided in the country continuously for at least 5 years. Additional requirements include the ability to speak, read, and write the English language; knowledge of the U.S. government and U.S. history; and good moral character. In fiscal year 2002, immigrants naturalizing under the general provisions accounted for 92 percent of those for whom the nationality law provision was reported. (Provision of the law was not reported for 4 percent of naturalizations.)

The special provisions of naturalization law exempt aliens from one or more of the requirements of the general provisions. Spouses and children of U.S. citizens and military classes constitute the main categories of special naturalization. The majority of people naturalizing as spouses of U.S. citizens may do so in 3 years rather than the 5 years prescribed under the general provisions. Of all new citizens in 2002 with naturalization law provision reported, 8 percent naturalized under the special provisions. Under the Child Citizenship Act of 2000,

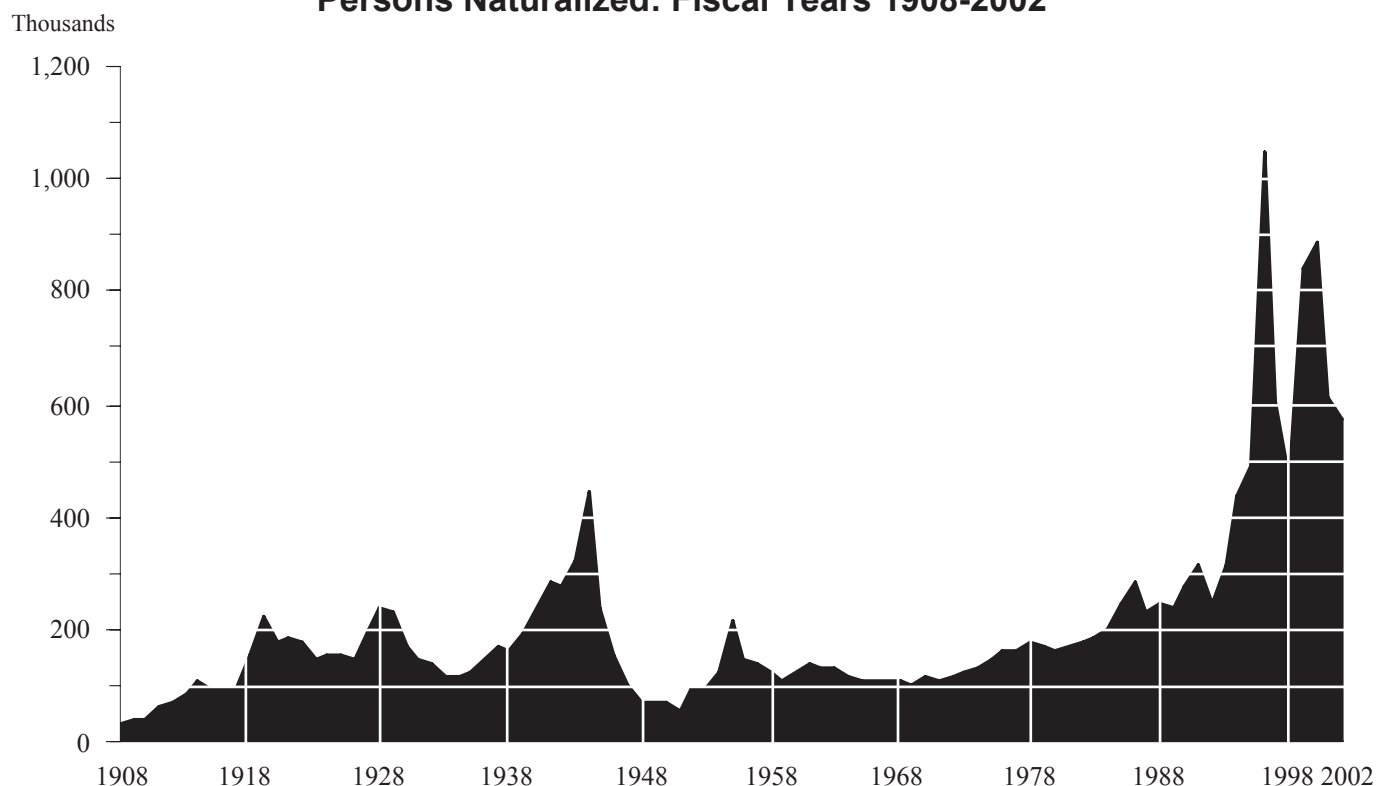
foreign-born children under 18 years of age, including adopted children, acquire U.S. citizenship automatically if they meet certain requirements. Among the requirements, the children must be lawful permanent residents and have at least one U.S. citizen parent. Acquisition of citizenship means citizenship acquired by law without the need to apply for citizenship. Previously, adopted children were required to apply for citizenship while children who immigrated with their parents derived U.S. citizenship through the naturalization of their parents. Under certain conditions, aliens who served honorably during war time and other conflicts may naturalize without prior admission to permanent resident status. Also, they need not have resided in the United States for a particular length of time. Aliens with lawful permanent resident status who have served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States also are entitled to certain exemptions from the general naturalization requirements.

Every applicant for naturalization (age 18 and over) must file an application, Form N-400, *Application for Naturalization*. All aliens filing these applications who meet the preliminary documentary requirements must be interviewed by INS officers to determine their eligibility to naturalize. During the interview the officer discerns the applicant's knowledge and understanding of the English language, as well as of the history and government of the United States. Recently, applicants have been allowed to take standardized tests that are used to determine knowledge and reading and writing capabilities. Those applicants found qualified are scheduled for an oath ceremony before a judge or district director.

Data Overview

The INS naturalized 573,708 persons in fiscal year 2002. This figure was six percent less than the number of naturalizations in 2001 (608,205) although the number of applications for naturalization received by the INS increased between the two years. Since fiscal year 1996, the trend in the number of persons naturalizing has not

Chart K
Persons Naturalized: Fiscal Years 1908-2002



Source: 1961-2002, Table 34; 1908-60, previous *Yearbooks*.

always tracked the trend in application receipts because of an application backlog and related workflow issues. At the end of 2002, there were 623,000 naturalization applications pending a decision. Because the impact of the backlog with respect to the annual number of naturalizations and demographic composition of new citizens cannot be determined with certainty, caution should be exercised in drawing conclusions from the data.

Nearly 574,000 people were naturalized during 2002.

Between 1908 and 1990, the number of persons naturalizing each year exceeded 300,000 only twice, in 1943 and 1944, during World War II (Chart K and Table 34). Since 1990, naturalizations have exceeded 300,000 in every year except 1992.

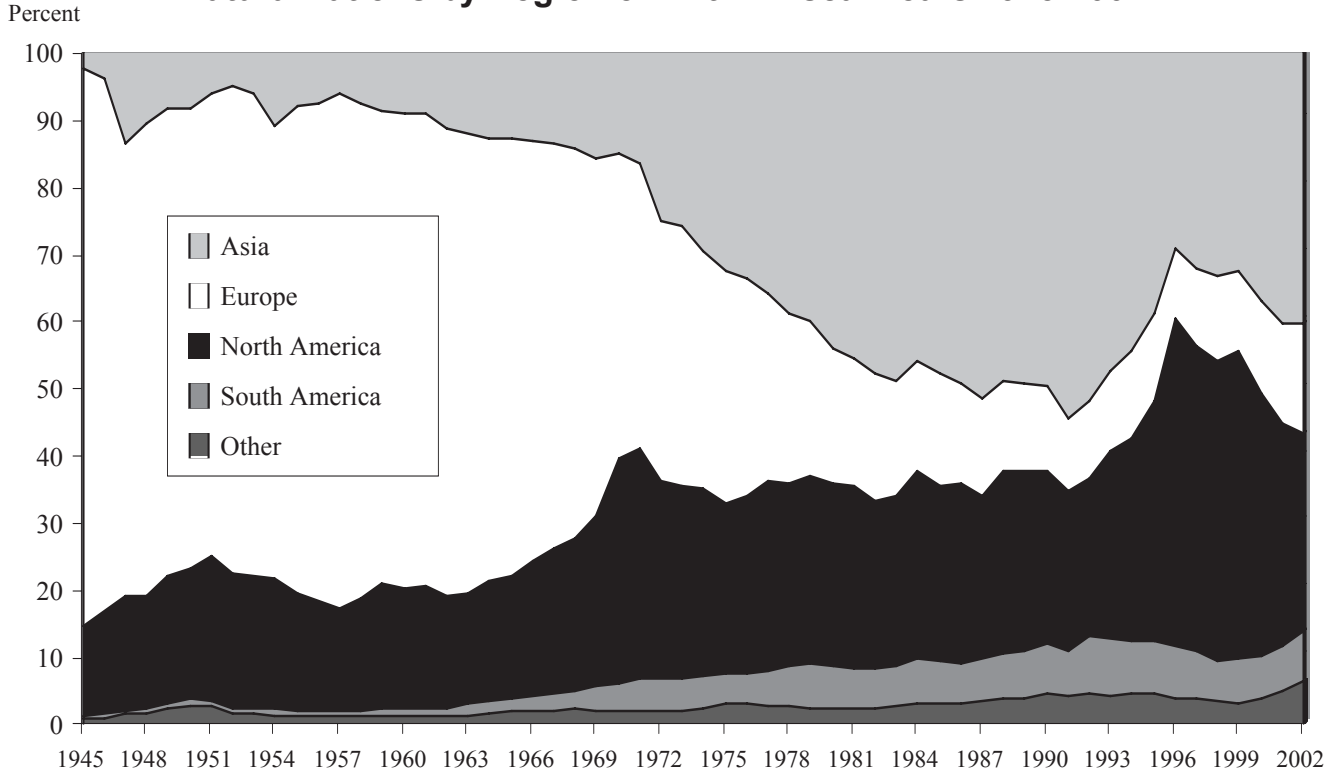
Naturalizations rose sharply during the 1990s due to several factors. A mandatory Green Card Replacement program put

into effect in 1992 led some permanent residents to naturalize who otherwise might not have done so. In 1994 the first of the 2.7 million illegal aliens who were granted legal permanent residence under the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986 became eligible to naturalize. Also during the mid 1990s, an unknown number of immigrants naturalized in response to legislative efforts restricting public benefits for the noncitizen population, including Proposition 187 in California (1994), the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act (1996), and the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA, 1996).

Region and country of birth (Chart L and Table 35)

Until the 1970s, the majority of persons naturalizing were born in Europe because the country quotas in immigration law favored those countries. Once the quotas ended with the INA amendments in 1965, the regional origin of persons immigrating and naturalizing shifted from European to Asian countries. Asian immigrants also had historically higher naturalization rates than other immigrants. Between 1976 and 1995, Asia was the leading region of birth among persons naturalizing. With increased

Chart L
Naturalizations by Region of Birth: Fiscal Years 1945-2002



Source: 1993-2002, Table 35; 1945-92, previous *Yearbooks*.

legal immigration from North American countries, especially due to IRCA, the share of naturalizations from that region increased during the 1990s, peaking at 49 percent in 1996. Since 2001, Asia has been the leading region of naturalizations. In 2002, 41 percent of persons naturalizing were born in Asian countries compared to 30 percent for North American countries. The number of naturalizations of persons born in European and African countries increased between 2001 and 2002 despite the overall decrease in naturalizations between the two years.

Mexico was the leading country of birth of persons naturalizing in 2002. However, the number of new Mexican-born citizens decreased to 76,531 (13 percent of the total) in 2002 from 103,234 (17 percent of the total) in 2001 as the number of IRCA-legalized aliens naturalizing declined (see the Immigration Reform and Control Act section below). Other major countries of birth for persons naturalizing in 2002 were Vietnam (36,835), India (33,774), the People's Republic of China (32,018), the Philippines (30,487), Korea (17,307), the Dominican Republic (15,591), Jamaica (13,973), Poland (12,823) and Ukraine (12,110). These 10 sending countries (including Mexico) represented 49 percent of new citizens in 2002.

State and metropolitan area of residence
(Table 36)

California was the residence of 149,554 or 26 percent of persons naturalizing in 2002 followed by New York with 94,276 or 16 percent. Other top states of residence included Florida, Texas, Illinois, and New Jersey. These six states were home to 68 percent of new citizens in 2002. They were the same top destination states for persons naturalizing in 2001.

Ten metropolitan areas accounted for the residence of 48 percent of persons naturalizing in 2002. These areas included New York, NY (81,421), Los Angeles, CA (55,892), Chicago, IL (30,808), Houston, TX (19,641), Miami, FL (18,270), Orange County, CA (15,985), Oakland, CA (14,976), San Jose, CA (13,805), San Diego, CA (13,023), and San Francisco, CA (12,723). These were the same top destination metropolitan areas for new citizens in 2001.

Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA)

Naturalization among aliens legalized under IRCA declined from 74,869 (12 percent of the total) to 43,164 (8 percent of the total) in fiscal year 2002. The annual

Table P
Median Years of Residence by Year of Naturalization and Region of Birth:
Selected Fiscal Years 1965-2002

Region of birth	2002	2001	2000	1995	1990	1985	1980	1975	1970	1965
Persons naturalized	8	9	10	9	8	8	8	7	8	7
Africa	7	10	8	6	7	7	7	6	6	6
Asia	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	6	6	6
Europe	7	7	8	9	10	9	10	8	9	7
North America	11	11	11	14	11	13	11	9	7	9
Oceania	9	10	11	11	10	8	8	7	9	8
South America	8	9	10	10	9	8	9	10	7	7

number of naturalizations among IRCA legalized aliens peaked in 1996 (227,905). Of all IRCA legalized aliens who naturalized in 2002, 68 percent were born in Mexico. By the end of 2002, 932,000 or 35 percent of the total 2,688,000 IRCA legalized aliens had naturalized.

Years in immigrant status (Table P)

The median number of years of residence between the date of legal permanent residence and the date of naturalization was 8 years among aliens who naturalized in 2002. European and African born immigrants spent the least time in immigrant status (7 years), followed by immigrants from Asia and South America (8 years), Oceania (9 years), and North America (11 years).

Gender, age, marital status, and occupation (Table 37)

As in previous years, the majority (53 percent) of persons naturalizing in 2002 were female. Nearly 42 percent of new citizens were ages 30-44 years. Two-thirds (65 percent) were married. Among those reporting an occupation, the largest number were operators, fabricators or laborers (10 percent), followed by professionals (8 percent). The former were predominantly male while the latter included nearly equal numbers of men and women.

Understanding the Data

Data Collection

The INS compiles two types of data on naturalizations: workload statistics and demographic statistics on the characteristics of persons who naturalize. Workload data include the number of naturalization applications received, the number of petitions filed, and the number of aliens approved for naturalization during a fiscal year.

Demographic data come from the N-400 application for naturalization for persons ages 18 and over and include: date and country of birth, gender, marital status, state and metropolitan area of residence, occupation, date of admission for permanent residence, and section of naturalization law. These data are obtained from either an automated case-tracking system in operation in the larger INS offices, manually coded records from the smaller offices, and, if not otherwise available, from the Central Index System (CIS) of the INS.

Limitations of Data

The 2002 naturalization data do not necessarily reflect the demand to naturalize because of the backlog of applications pending a decision. The demographic characteristics of aliens whose cases were in the backlog are unknown.

Data prior to 2001 included small numbers of records for persons under age 18, most of which came from the N-600 application for certificate of citizenship. The N-600 form is used to provide evidence of citizenship for children under age 18 who derive or acquire citizenship through their parents. The N-643 form is used for adopted children. Most N-600 records were excluded beginning in 1998. Persons ages 17 and under have been excluded from naturalization *Yearbook* tables since 2001.

Occupation was not reported for more than one-third of all records in 2002. This is somewhat higher than the level of nonreporting in previous years. In addition, data are missing on about 3 percent of all records for state and metropolitan area of residence, marital status, provision of naturalization law, and country of former allegiance. The Central Index System (CIS), which does not maintain information on these variables, was the source of data for these records.

**TABLE 34. PETITIONS FOR NATURALIZATIONS FILED, PERSONS NATURALIZED,
AND PETITIONS FOR NATURALIZATIONS DENIED
FISCAL YEARS 1907-2002**

Year	Petitions filed ¹	Persons naturalized				Petitions denied
		Total	Civilian	Military	Not reported	
1907-2002	21,936,558	19,310,438	18,122,811	673,961	513,666	2,326,655
1907-10	164,036	111,738	111,738	-	-	17,702
1911-20	1,381,384	1,128,972	884,672	244,300	-	118,725
1921-30	1,884,277	1,773,185	1,716,979	56,206	-	165,493
1931-40	1,637,113	1,518,464	1,498,573	19,891	-	45,792
1941-50	1,938,066	1,987,028	1,837,229	149,799	-	64,814
1951-60	1,230,483	1,189,946	1,148,241	41,705	-	27,569
1961-70	1,142,985	1,120,263	1,084,195	36,068	-	23,557
1961	138,718	132,450	130,731	1,719	-	3,175
1962	129,682	127,307	124,972	2,335	-	3,557
1963	121,170	124,178	121,618	2,560	-	2,436
1964	113,218	112,234	109,629	2,605	-	2,309
1965	106,813	104,299	101,214	3,085	-	2,059
1966	104,853	103,059	100,498	2,561	-	2,029
1967	108,369	104,902	102,211	2,691	-	2,008
1968	103,085	102,726	100,288	2,438	-	1,962
1969	102,317	98,709	93,251	5,458	-	2,043
1970	114,760	110,399	99,783	10,616	-	1,979
1971-80	1,556,307	1,464,772	1,397,846	66,926	-	27,978
1971	109,897	108,407	98,858	9,549	-	2,028
1972	121,883	116,215	107,740	8,475	-	1,837
1973	126,929	120,740	112,944	7,796	-	1,708
1974	136,175	131,655	124,807	6,848	-	2,210
1975	149,399	141,537	135,323	6,214	-	2,300
1976	157,932	142,504	136,873	5,631	-	2,231
1976, TQ	41,220	48,218	46,705	1,513	-	568
1977	186,354	159,873	154,568	5,305	-	2,845
1978	168,854	173,535	168,409	5,126	-	3,894
1979	165,434	164,150	158,276	5,874	-	3,987
1980	192,230	157,938	153,343	4,595	-	4,370
1981-90	2,375,727	2,214,265	2,155,519	28,317	30,429	47,224
1981	171,073	166,317	162,227	4,090	-	4,316
1982	201,507	173,688	170,071	3,617	-	3,994
1983	187,719	178,948	175,678	3,196	74	3,160
1984	286,440	197,023	192,113	2,965	1,945	3,373
1985	305,981	244,717	238,394	3,266	3,057	3,610
1986	290,732	280,623	275,352	2,901	2,370	5,980
1987	232,988	227,008	224,100	2,402	506	6,771
1988	237,752	242,063	239,541	2,296	226	4,304
1989	227,692	233,777	231,198	1,954	625	5,200
1990	233,843	270,101	246,845	1,630	21,626	6,516
1991-2000	7,423,885	5,619,892	5,159,520	28,945	431,427	1,429,696
1991	206,668	308,058	299,373	1,804	6,881	6,268
1992	342,269	240,252	222,519	5,702	12,031	19,293
1993	522,298	314,681	303,211	7,069	4,401	39,931
1994	543,353	434,107	402,050	6,194	25,863	40,561
1995	959,963	488,088	474,169	3,862	10,057	46,067
1996	1,277,403	1,044,689	926,481	1,261	116,947	229,842
1997	1,412,712	598,225	534,756	538	62,931	130,676
1998	932,957	463,060	439,416	964	22,680	137,395
1999	765,346	839,944	742,749	712	96,483	379,993
2000	460,916	888,788	814,796	839	73,153	399,670
2001	501,646	608,205	576,671	749	30,785	218,326
2002	700,649	573,708	551,628	1,055	21,025	139,779

¹ Fee receipted or application entered into automated processing system.

- Represents zero.

**TABLE 35. PERSONS NATURALIZED BY REGION AND COUNTRY OF BIRTH
FISCAL YEARS 1993-2002**

Region and country of birth	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
All countries	314,681	434,107	488,088	1,044,689	598,225	463,060	839,944	888,788	608,205	573,708
Europe	37,774	56,449	63,602	109,607	67,783	58,836	101,318	121,273	89,431	93,627
Albania	88	109	103	348	419	351	599	826	1,032	2,451
Andorra	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	1	1	1
Armenia	136	641	1,215	2,957	3,037	2,530	3,190	2,569	1,972	1,817
Austria	194	281	291	382	181	153	232	290	271	276
Azerbaijan	-	3	27	160	263	350	878	1,318	946	1,188
Belarus	1	3	89	393	727	833	1,869	3,063	2,008	2,142
Belgium	191	254	233	343	179	166	294	363	299	265
Bosnia-Herzegovina	2	18	29	44	50	33	300	1,745	2,759	4,095
Bulgaria	168	247	256	627	356	263	498	847	1,170	1,311
Croatia	3	52	168	470	212	184	358	501	519	621
Czech Republic	-	1	5	4	10	4	27	58	47	64
Czechoslovakia ¹	643	712	692	733	434	315	548	658	492	454
Denmark	155	243	230	341	165	165	239	286	227	195
Estonia	16	58	72	91	52	52	82	108	105	110
Finland	103	138	138	186	94	110	159	201	115	141
France	1,140	1,630	1,413	2,340	1,261	1,125	1,903	2,285	1,745	1,724
Georgia	2	4	25	70	101	76	147	407	415	444
Germany	2,591	3,763	3,658	4,664	2,946	2,517	4,169	4,522	3,212	3,431
Gibraltar	5	4	4	5	5	1	5	3	1	-
Greece	2,106	2,577	2,135	3,162	1,885	1,553	2,355	2,270	1,676	1,290
Hungary	649	855	868	1,159	568	531	884	1,074	877	829
Iceland	31	37	37	43	38	32	50	52	44	32
Ireland	1,067	1,677	1,959	3,284	1,835	1,444	3,414	5,454	4,441	3,443
Italy	3,502	5,702	4,065	5,117	2,445	2,522	4,393	4,436	2,987	2,621
Kazakhstan	2	36	21	32	46	58	226	437	429	562
Kyrgyzstan	2	-	2	1	1	18	32	87	81	128
Latvia	66	138	186	336	202	194	383	484	360	376
Liechtenstein	2	-	3	3	-	1	-	-	1	-
Lithuania	82	117	241	271	180	155	313	355	405	489
Luxembourg	7	10	8	21	9	4	15	11	9	8
Macedonia	-	-	89	298	204	137	212	310	394	560
Malta	78	102	53	123	51	39	93	116	63	86
Moldova	5	42	135	390	621	574	1,155	1,573	959	919
Monaco	1	2	5	3	1	1	8	-	4	2
Netherlands	399	613	657	976	475	397	700	813	549	515
Norway	129	171	160	265	112	92	161	192	126	109
Poland	5,592	7,062	8,092	14,047	8,037	5,911	13,127	16,405	11,661	12,823
Portugal	3,880	5,882	3,809	6,525	4,278	4,663	5,843	4,756	2,780	2,198
Romania	2,750	3,503	3,408	5,242	3,043	2,244	3,275	3,586	3,521	4,016
Russia	440	1,242	3,367	8,245	8,200	5,981	10,351	12,919	9,413	9,846
San Marino	-	2	2	-	1	1	7	6	1	2
Slovak Republic	-	2	16	20	26	35	81	200	243	301
Slovenia	1	5	20	19	13	17	36	43	42	58
Soviet Union ²	2,168	4,865	10,338	20,137	9,286	6,987	11,300	9,195	4,576	4,305
Spain	618	817	837	2,079	756	905	1,241	1,073	724	634
Sweden	230	316	260	404	218	203	354	373	321	819
Switzerland	399	557	453	605	329	301	506	655	517	462
Tajikistan	1	-	8	7	15	35	167	406	369	234
Turkmenistan	-	1	1	6	5	5	27	73	60	65
Ukraine	141	583	2,715	6,959	5,971	6,952	12,190	16,849	11,828	12,110
United Kingdom	5,791	8,410	8,479	12,185	6,900	6,375	10,016	11,739	8,059	8,207
Uzbekistan	-	6	46	208	243	236	1,142	3,084	2,493	2,541
Yugoslavia ²	2,197	2,956	2,479	3,276	1,297	1,004	1,761	2,196	2,082	2,307
Asia	149,432	193,842	190,205	307,451	193,591	153,951	273,924	331,136	247,185	232,412
Afghanistan	1,548	1,995	2,031	4,141	1,839	1,736	2,752	2,843	1,947	1,429
Bahrain	10	16	22	27	10	19	32	41	47	47
Bangladesh	961	1,190	1,323	5,407	3,577	1,211	2,280	3,323	4,419	5,628
Bhutan	-	1	1	-	3	1	3	3	4	2

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 35. PERSONS NATURALIZED BY REGION AND COUNTRY OF BIRTH
FISCAL YEARS 1993-2002—Continued**

Region and country of birth	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Brunei	14	12	8	9	5	9	13	15	8	12
Burma	558	875	872	1,335	578	443	889	1,131	1,079	1,069
Cambodia	3,102	4,132	3,619	5,202	5,180	5,348	7,140	5,292	3,489	3,126
China, People's Republic	16,943	22,331	21,564	34,320	20,947	16,145	38,409	54,534	34,423	32,018
Cyprus	187	196	176	250	113	129	190	205	185	150
Hong Kong	3,807	6,534	5,690	8,660	4,752	2,927	6,624	8,101	5,274	4,852
India	16,527	20,940	18,558	33,113	21,206	17,060	30,710	42,198	34,311	33,774
Indonesia	434	580	624	1,106	575	609	1,464	2,487	1,247	1,006
Iran	7,033	10,041	11,761	19,278	11,434	10,739	18,268	19,251	13,881	11,796
Iraq	1,545	1,808	1,609	2,309	1,621	2,033	3,230	5,217	3,451	3,318
Israel	2,448	3,039	2,645	3,537	2,034	1,444	2,917	3,581	2,974	2,562
Japan	1,002	1,440	1,462	2,188	1,283	1,847	3,178	3,757	2,369	1,858
Jordan	2,597	2,797	2,385	3,236	1,820	1,510	2,467	3,252	2,883	2,824
Korea	9,681	12,367	15,709	27,969	16,056	10,305	17,738	23,858	18,053	17,307
Kuwait	360	449	465	705	404	308	597	905	766	791
Laos	3,994	5,630	4,315	10,621	8,630	7,734	9,188	7,163	6,507	8,418
Lebanon	3,392	4,592	4,171	5,441	3,041	2,391	4,226	4,939	3,556	3,408
Macau	108	190	127	225	117	87	197	255	200	196
Malaysia	423	522	443	690	428	370	885	1,374	1,034	1,095
Maldives	-	1	4	-	1	-	2	1	1	-
Mongolia	1	1	1	-	-	1	7	15	9	13
Nepal	46	70	60	119	78	82	143	204	205	248
Oman	4	5	7	1	5	6	1	7	8	9
Pakistan	3,776	4,529	4,912	11,251	7,266	3,572	6,572	8,726	8,375	8,658
Philippines	33,925	40,777	37,870	51,346	30,898	24,872	38,944	46,563	35,431	30,487
Qatar	21	19	14	34	16	12	27	35	37	48
Saudi Arabia	149	158	126	193	147	80	152	310	247	309
Singapore	162	204	172	292	171	143	294	405	306	322
Sri Lanka	457	537	522	917	547	460	883	1,001	836	963
Syria	1,350	1,820	1,825	2,510	1,638	1,466	2,344	2,802	2,158	2,280
Taiwan	7,235	10,387	9,565	12,114	6,455	4,862	11,215	13,200	9,076	8,611
Thailand	1,129	1,634	1,707	3,912	2,287	1,986	4,046	5,225	4,104	4,026
Turkey	1,271	1,663	1,591	2,181	1,575	1,547	2,025	2,072	1,795	1,926
United Arab Emirates	14	26	17	26	45	13	44	79	84	109
Vietnam	22,520	29,555	31,728	51,910	36,178	30,185	53,316	55,934	41,596	36,835
Yemen	698	779	504	876	631	259	512	832	810	882
Africa	11,539	16,073	18,495	26,970	15,996	12,467	20,401	25,850	24,312	31,527
Algeria	126	183	188	275	173	143	277	427	469	615
Angola	59	98	68	122	91	73	99	113	86	69
Benin	28	28	37	14	24	24	35	23	19	25
Botswana	1	4	2	8	5	-	4	8	7	4
Burkina Faso	100	290	168	8	4	3	8	16	10	7
Burundi	7	6	5	7	3	2	6	13	15	28
Cameroon	106	175	175	264	164	149	181	286	299	463
Cape Verde	215	500	529	634	573	542	849	736	581	684
Central African Republic	1	2	6	4	2	1	4	4	3	10
Chad	3	2	2	3	3	4	6	9	12	3
Comoros	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	-	1	2
Congo, Democratic Republic ³	75	100	91	187	81	68	127	138	115	116
Congo, Republic ³	5	7	5	5	3	11	42	58	90	139
Cote d'Ivoire	47	78	76	164	107	84	121	184	171	272
Djibouti	8	5	8	5	5	5	9	10	9	18
Egypt	2,065	2,620	2,671	3,877	2,238	1,498	2,687	3,492	3,786	3,701
Equatorial Guinea	2	4	5	10	2	1	5	3	-	3
Eritrea	-	54	343	518	393	443	567	824	756	812
Ethiopia	1,866	2,375	2,626	3,397	1,994	1,844	2,611	2,774	2,765	3,902
French Southern and Antarctic Lands	6	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Gabon	-	4	3	7	3	2	5	8	5	12
Gambia, The	17	26	53	98	50	40	69	81	71	135
Ghana	735	1,145	1,578	2,905	1,588	1,073	1,548	2,035	1,832	3,328

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**TABLE 35. PERSONS NATURALIZED BY REGION AND COUNTRY OF BIRTH
FISCAL YEARS 1993-2002—Continued**

Region and country of birth	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Guinea	4	6	5	9	24	31	42	71	67	111
Guinea-Bissau	1	5	154	3	74	206	168	20	6	14
Kenya	342	419	429	695	496	399	699	933	734	865
Lesotho	3	3	5	5	4	5	1	5	3	5
Liberia	453	609	745	1,104	719	557	848	1,027	782	1,048
Libya	155	170	205	211	130	95	153	181	171	164
Madagascar	3	12	13	27	16	12	16	30	25	29
Malawi	24	40	35	40	22	35	37	50	39	44
Mali	6	11	16	30	29	19	32	48	51	72
Mauritania	3	1	8	9	3	1	12	13	19	23
Mauritius	16	29	13	37	29	23	41	60	38	37
Morocco	519	731	689	1,174	555	415	854	1,198	1,248	1,274
Mozambique	25	59	37	53	40	30	59	68	29	57
Namibia	10	7	6	8	9	5	10	13	15	13
Niger	-	3	6	489	218	321	608	556	183	110
Nigeria	2,289	3,464	4,645	6,248	3,537	1,963	3,125	4,135	4,355	6,419
Reunion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Rwanda	4	4	11	10	5	4	9	31	62	86
Sao Tome and Principe	2	1	-	2	1	1	3	3	1	2
Senegal	67	72	87	260	223	107	188	218	251	346
Seychelles	19	17	18	12	16	7	13	27	18	12
Sierra Leone	297	398	578	782	492	420	487	600	518	763
Somalia	130	154	211	306	171	306	816	1,247	1,168	1,791
South Africa	833	1,192	884	1,217	661	676	1,418	1,967	1,472	1,528
St. Helena	1	-	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1
Sudan	116	133	165	308	218	140	281	515	741	1,013
Swaziland	4	3	7	3	-	5	5	11	3	8
Tanzania	211	254	223	447	220	189	354	420	334	345
Togo	17	22	20	32	20	18	35	58	57	113
Tunisia	106	101	109	164	87	90	129	168	157	165
Uganda	157	206	277	409	264	206	348	430	297	322
Western Sahara	-	2	1	-	1	-	2	1	-	-
Zambia	124	122	120	183	105	90	168	228	158	168
Zimbabwe	126	117	132	178	99	79	174	274	207	231
Oceania	1,276	1,763	1,817	3,312	1,812	1,613	2,385	2,685	2,594	2,356
American Samoa	71	103	122	148	38	63	75	80	97	102
Australia	209	282	250	438	261	203	342	436	392	427
Christmas Island	-	2	2	1	2	-	2	-	-	-
Cocos Islands	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Cook Islands	2	5	5	30	9	3	8	3	4	5
Fiji	545	711	704	1,392	711	493	775	924	1,180	1,022
French Polynesia	24	26	23	113	47	103	142	128	-	16
Guam	1	-	4	2	1	-	1	1	41	-
Kiribati	1	3	3	4	4	2	3	3	3	-
Marshall Islands	-	4	4	6	5	1	2	2	3	1
Micronesia, Federated States ...	3	3	5	6	1	7	2	3	4	6
Nauru	3	2	3	-	1	-	3	5	1	2
New Caledonia	2	1	2	4	2	1	4	3	4	2
New Zealand	173	238	245	342	222	196	317	421	347	356
Niue	-	-	-	8	1	-	1	1	-	-
Northern Mariana Islands	-	3	2	1	-	-	2	-	3	-
Palau	17	11	2	2	10	17	19	17	7	9
Papua New Guinea	1	3	8	13	2	-	3	8	7	7
Pitcairn Island	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Samoa ⁴	129	188	206	319	155	219	257	282	195	151
Solomon Islands	2	4	4	2	1	3	1	1	2	1
Tonga	86	171	220	453	336	299	423	366	301	248
Tuvalu	3	2	1	-	2	3	2	-	1	-
Vanuatu	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	1
Wallis and Futuna Islands	-	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-

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TABLE 35. PERSONS NATURALIZED BY REGION AND COUNTRY OF BIRTH
FISCAL YEARS 1993-2002—Continued

Region and country of birth	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
North America	87,931	130,345	175,216	506,767	273,954	208,192	385,605	347,193	200,939	169,950
Canada	6,505	8,684	7,597	11,663	6,639	5,545	9,353	11,365	7,551	7,591
Greenland	1	5	1	4	4	-	1	-	1	-
Mexico	23,615	46,169	81,655	254,988	142,569	112,442	207,750	189,705	103,234	76,531
St. Pierre and Miquelon	8	5	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-
United States	37	71	16	42	22	20	28	44	38	42
Caribbean	47,372	58,569	56,480	163,709	84,834	62,678	115,245	93,291	59,602	58,943
Anguilla	64	88	57	41	64	86	165	67	38	30
Antigua-Barbuda	438	627	668	1,415	886	932	1,103	946	478	451
Aruba	31	80	42	107	66	38	86	85	41	50
Bahamas, The	141	238	223	671	337	265	796	591	394	401
Barbados	858	1,432	1,304	2,488	1,960	1,173	2,558	1,891	914	874
Bermuda	43	54	80	75	39	54	84	90	58	47
British Virgin Islands	86	122	62	43	102	136	205	134	48	40
Cayman Islands	37	47	55	36	288	152	137	23	15	17
Cuba	15,064	16,380	17,511	63,234	13,155	15,331	25,467	15,661	11,393	10,889
Dominica	273	405	434	1,040	621	677	977	717	372	456
Dominican Republic	12,303	11,390	9,999	29,459	21,092	11,916	23,089	25,176	15,010	15,591
Grenada	565	829	736	1,681	1,223	663	1,532	1,172	610	609
Guadeloupe	20	29	137	383	21	19	61	32	14	25
Haiti	5,190	7,989	7,884	25,012	16,477	10,416	19,550	14,428	10,408	9,280
Jamaica	7,911	12,252	11,156	25,458	20,253	15,040	28,604	22,567	13,978	13,973
Martinique	5	14	7	23	14	11	22	23	21	16
Montserrat	61	118	91	181	141	124	190	130	86	84
Netherlands Antilles	41	36	29	61	62	51	89	79	34	28
Puerto Rico	4	4	5	6	5	4	2	4	1	3
St. Kitts-Nevis	390	612	575	983	714	771	995	713	331	352
St. Lucia	241	393	418	824	638	531	708	610	392	418
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	334	540	492	1,112	827	475	999	832	440	462
Trinidad and Tobago	3,249	4,874	4,487	9,288	5,803	3,784	7,732	7,265	4,484	4,822
Turks and Caicos Islands	3	8	19	70	41	19	83	43	40	18
U.S. Virgin Islands	20	8	9	18	5	10	11	12	2	7
Central America	10,393	16,842	29,467	76,361	39,885	27,505	53,227	52,788	30,513	26,843
Belize	384	635	874	1,831	1,353	988	2,079	1,802	1,015	774
Costa Rica	668	1,055	1,138	2,759	1,574	1,103	2,087	1,895	1,146	1,002
El Salvador	3,038	5,643	13,702	35,478	18,273	12,267	22,991	24,073	13,663	10,716
Guatemala	1,685	3,001	5,093	13,933	7,914	5,534	11,031	11,488	6,281	5,455
Honduras	1,714	2,215	2,954	7,881	4,318	2,752	5,294	5,188	3,257	3,505
Nicaragua	1,501	2,437	3,950	11,135	4,409	3,359	6,651	5,426	3,564	3,794
Panama	1,403	1,856	1,756	3,344	2,044	1,502	3,094	2,916	1,587	1,597
South America	26,464	35,014	38,072	84,520	42,282	27,550	54,363	58,009	42,288	42,888
Argentina	1,602	2,481	2,714	5,457	2,247	1,651	3,366	3,432	2,211	2,131
Bolivia	575	803	1,186	2,367	1,093	845	1,461	1,375	908	1,100
Brazil	906	1,322	1,254	2,961	2,360	1,947	4,114	4,524	3,935	3,889
Chile	867	1,206	1,315	3,068	1,427	1,002	1,892	1,888	1,205	1,154
Colombia	9,985	12,309	12,823	27,483	11,645	7,024	13,168	14,018	10,872	10,634
Ecuador	2,701	3,965	5,381	14,547	7,463	4,674	8,411	9,487	6,571	6,402
Falkland Islands	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
French Guiana	1	2	1	-	1	-	2	10	1	6
Guyana	4,964	6,081	5,499	11,223	7,544	4,575	10,366	10,820	7,052	7,224
Paraguay	173	259	230	491	248	112	193	214	166	198
Peru	3,285	4,754	5,921	12,884	6,352	4,353	8,308	8,958	6,675	7,385
Suriname	26	87	59	134	74	45	130	163	113	120
Uruguay	581	667	679	1,372	622	397	689	693	472	486
Venezuela	798	1,078	1,009	2,533	1,205	925	2,263	2,426	2,107	2,159
Born on board ship	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Stateless	-	-	-	-	44	28	67	42	23	15
Unknown	265	621	681	6,061	2,763	423	1,881	2,600	1,432	933

¹ Former (unknown republic) beginning in 1993. ² Former (unknown republic) beginning in 1992. ³ Zaire prior to May 1997. ⁴ Western Samoa prior to August 1997.

- Represents zero.

**TABLE 36. PERSONS NATURALIZED BY STATE OF RESIDENCE
FISCAL YEARS 1993-2002**

State of residence	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Total	314,681	434,107	488,088	1,044,689	598,225	463,060	839,944	888,788	608,205	573,708
Alabama	719	954	860	1,002	644	658	1,132	1,553	409	1,276
Alaska	530	648	675	4	757	995	633	668	710	929
Arizona	2,548	3,894	4,059	6,838	3,767	4,105	8,737	10,755	8,245	6,067
Arkansas	405	615	163	6	809	244	442	241	132	583
California	68,100	118,567	171,285	378,014	187,432	154,793	284,071	300,662	203,415	149,554
Colorado	2,732	3,171	3,753	5,168	3,560	3,230	8,552	6,138	4,233	5,878
Connecticut	6,125	5,460	6,409	8,122	8,452	7,351	8,064	7,100	5,009	6,076
Delaware	423	695	600	650	464	648	844	1,281	697	570
District of Columbia	773	1,091	1,496	1,920	1,098	1,024	1,621	1,394	956	926
Florida	26,628	35,186	31,372	123,368	28,768	30,926	67,567	68,882	48,752	44,792
Georgia	4,185	5,437	5,418	6,603	5,958	6,274	9,717	12,423	3,229	11,081
Hawaii	4,960	4,659	5,174	6,090	3,994	4,493	3,600	4,372	2,885	2,884
Idaho	255	299	336	2	769	853	1,028	437	357	58
Illinois	17,394	17,946	20,694	48,746	28,096	16,804	36,742	39,327	32,390	32,636
Indiana	1,395	1,738	1,430	678	2,388	2,404	1,747	2,750	2,581	2,779
Iowa	578	837	970	5	244	191	73	622	1,058	1,465
Kansas	1,085	1,059	1,131	7	1,733	2,208	3,461	2,194	2,343	1,371
Kentucky	534	775	677	10	1,074	586	1,041	667	402	1,987
Louisiana	2,016	1,667	2,714	3,247	2,415	2,478	2,701	1,882	686	2,109
Maine	584	473	639	41	343	544	340	390	367	515
Maryland	9,864	9,572	11,251	1,259	3,691	9,615	9,699	4,918	5,414	13,232
Massachusetts	6,574	14,739	11,803	14,762	8,158	10,568	21,672	23,062	17,632	18,040
Michigan	6,091	7,798	8,170	12,658	5,766	7,100	7,966	14,829	6,116	11,126
Minnesota	1,921	2,528	760	6	3,296	4,331	6,507	4,277	5,709	5,446
Mississippi	426	385	393	410	442	378	624	475	270	506
Missouri	1,379	1,236	1,440	14	2,226	2,156	2,376	3,228	2,633	2,313
Montana	165	81	117	1	165	165	214	62	75	7
Nebraska	4,411	4,147	2,999	4	259	717	407	990	1,548	1,644
Nevada	1,518	1,937	2,894	24	7,963	4,414	3,427	960	3,333	3,789
New Hampshire	387	926	559	489	430	645	1,078	485	819	448
New Jersey	18,495	24,587	28,770	44,351	32,406	21,301	8,294	29,955	26,776	26,783
New Mexico	665	697	643	5	511	649	1,507	104	786	1,086
New York	55,519	67,282	68,611	169,428	95,595	47,456	104,048	138,504	99,022	94,276
North Carolina	2,397	2,089	2,073	11	2,873	3,463	3,427	9,036	3,876	8,356
North Dakota	159	137	192	-	188	166	80	146	200	210
Ohio	3,382	4,432	3,263	5,106	4,447	5,859	5,509	5,834	3,647	6,056
Oklahoma	1,092	1,286	1,806	8	1,168	613	3,198	210	1,920	1,831
Oregon	2,146	2,475	1,810	23	1,464	2,307	5,165	4,247	4,191	4,445
Pennsylvania	7,236	9,644	9,665	9,652	7,327	9,997	14,094	13,269	8,396	9,630
Rhode Island	1,720	2,302	1,535	2	2,951	2,642	2,884	719	1,066	1,160
South Carolina	675	1,387	1,032	713	1,086	1,334	1,093	1,683	696	505
South Dakota	85	114	103	1	173	159	14	170	203	209
Tennessee	1,039	1,364	634	14	1,275	1,255	2,617	2,022	1,260	2,444
Texas	26,403	25,148	32,209	57,970	39,172	30,862	58,849	55,800	43,396	42,828
Utah	950	1,163	1,417	22	2,850	1,421	2,296	793	1,836	1,791
Vermont	221	369	523	9	321	360	126	348	332	428
Virginia	7,141	7,103	10,542	13,724	6,803	8,589	11,808	12,507	7,426	10,612
Washington	5,741	6,878	11,063	12,228	14,668	12,991	11,174	14,499	8,793	9,339
West Virginia	205	229	318	3	218	265	307	47	285	302
Wisconsin	6	17	874	5	1,371	1,894	3,132	4,236	2,960	3,632
Wyoming	43	86	127	127	145	121	151	191	135	102
U.S. territories and possessions										
American Samoa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91	-
Guam	1,131	1,445	1,464	1	1,458	1,117	780	76	283	607
Northern Mariana Is.	32	37	53	-	46	33	27	-	-	26
Puerto Rico	1,852	1,484	4	3	368	1,650	2,202	539	708	1,066
U.S. Virgin Islands	752	1,113	1,204	2	914	1,834	1,593	344	304	336
Armed Forces posts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Unknown	889	22,719	7,912	111,133	63,266	23,824	99,486	76,485	27,211	15,561

- Represents zero.

**TABLE 37. PERSONS NATURALIZED BY GENDER, AGE, MARITAL STATUS, AND OCCUPATION
FISCAL YEAR 2002**

Age, marital status, and occupation	Total	Gender		
		Male	Female	Unknown
Total	573,708	264,443	301,466	7,799
Age				
18-20 years	24,980	10,968	13,708	304
21 years and over	548,727	253,474	287,758	7,495
18-19 years	13,409	5,850	7,393	166
20-24 years	60,484	27,115	32,504	865
25-29 years	70,938	31,385	38,634	919
30-34 years	82,887	38,265	43,670	952
35-39 years	87,433	42,156	44,283	994
40-44 years	69,736	33,628	35,213	895
45-49 years	52,708	24,828	27,193	687
50-54 years	41,151	19,078	21,436	637
55-59 years	30,847	14,178	16,159	510
60-64 years	23,568	10,567	12,614	387
65-74 years	29,795	13,099	16,181	515
75 years and over	10,751	4,293	6,186	272
Unknown	1	1	-	-
Median age	38	38	38	40
Marital status				
Single	128,902	67,752	61,150	-
Married	370,498	173,312	197,184	2
Widowed	17,702	2,531	15,171	-
Divorced/Separated	40,997	16,726	24,271	-
Unknown	15,609	4,122	3,690	7,797
Occupation				
Executive and managerial	36,157	21,825	14,332	-
Professional and technical	60,038	29,966	30,072	-
Sales	28,394	11,320	17,074	-
Administrative support	26,668	6,763	19,905	-
Farming, forestry, and fisheries	1,884	1,500	384	-
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	55,586	38,971	16,614	1
Precision production craft and repair	15,582	13,274	2,308	-
Service	51,582	20,794	30,788	-
No occupation/not working outside home	74,831	22,403	52,428	-
Homemakers	21,204	235	20,969	-
Students or children	19,701	8,808	10,893	-
Retirees	9,082	4,646	4,436	-
Unemployed	24,844	8,714	16,130	-
Unknown	222,986	97,627	117,561	7,798

- Represents zero.