

Contribution to the United States



HOW DO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CONTRIBUTE TO THE UNITED STATES?

The Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy released a report in February 2016, stating that 11 million illegal immigrants in the United States are paying annually an estimated amount of \$11.64 billion in state and local taxes, "on average an estimated 8 percent of their incomes."



IMMIGRANT BUSINESS OWNERS

Immigrants founded 18 percent of all small businesses, as well as 20 percent of businesses nationwide.



REFUGEE

Refugees are vital to the U.S. labor market by filling needed jobs, and, as a group, have a higher employment rate than the U.S.-born population

- REFUGEE

24,559 is the number of refugees resettled to the U.S. in 2017

- IMMIGRANT

More than 1 million immigrants arrive in the U.S. each year. In 2016, the top country of origin for new immigrants coming into the U.S. was India, with 126,000 people, followed by Mexico (124,000), China (121,000) and Cuba (41,000).

REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS IN AMERICA

The Facts

WHO IS A REFUGEE

A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee his or her country because of persecution, war or violence. A refugee has a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group. Most likely, they cannot return home or are afraid to do so. War and ethnic, tribal and religious violence are leading causes of refugees fleeing their countries.

Two-thirds of all refugees worldwide come from just five countries: Syria, Afghanistan, South Sudan, Myanmar and Somalia.

WHO IS AN IMMIGRANT

A person who comes to a country to take up permanent residence. According to the 2016 Yearbook of Immigration Statistics, the United States admitted 1.18 million legal immigrants in 2016.

WHO IS AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT

Illegal immigration refers to the migration of people into a country in ways that violate the immigration laws of that country, or the remaining in a country of people who no longer have the legal right to remain.

There were 10.7 million unauthorized immigrants in the U.S. in 2016, representing 3.3% of the total U.S. population that year

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**MY FELLOW AMERICANS,
WE ARE AND ALWAYS WILL
BE A NATION OF
IMMIGRANTS. WE WERE
STRANGERS ONCE, TOO."**

-PRESIDENT OBAMA, NOVEMBER 20, 2014