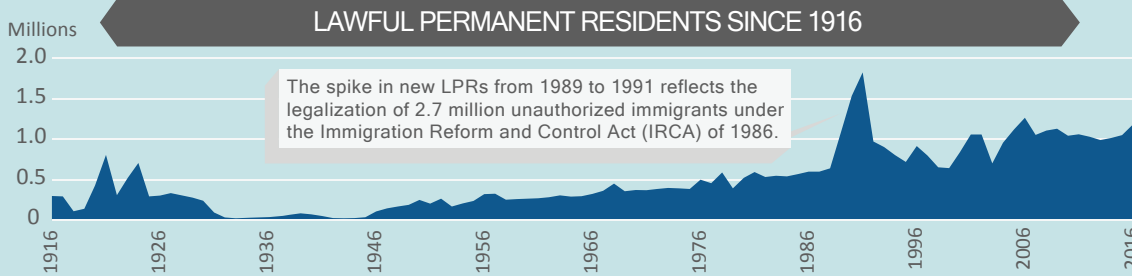


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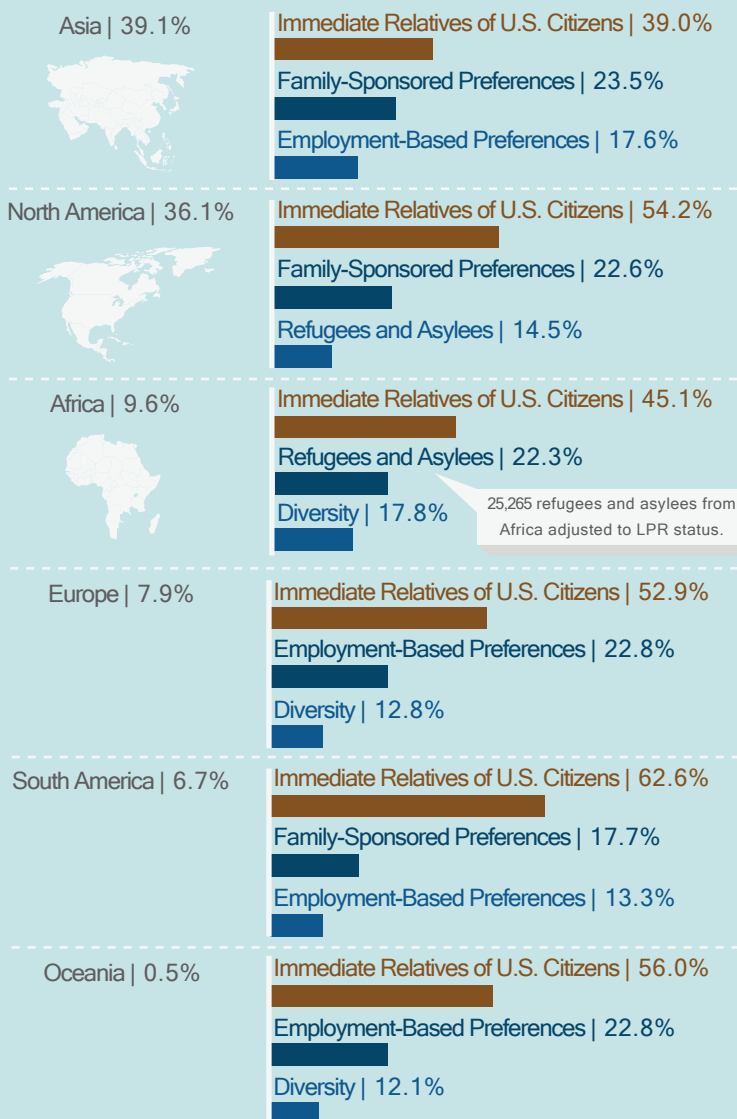
## 2016 Lawful Permanent Residents

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 to become a U.S. citizen after meeting certain eligibility requirements. This graphic provides information on those who received LPR status in Fiscal Year 2016.



There were  
**1,183,505**  
new lawful permanent residents in Fiscal Year 2016. About 52% were new arrivals to the United States.

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



### LPRs BY CATEGORY OF ADMISSION

