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Four Categories of People



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UNDOCUMENTED OR OUT OF STATUS

Over half have overstayed their visas



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Citizens



- Native Born
- Derivatives
- Naturalized

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Nonimmigrants – an alphabet soup of categories



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NONIMMIGRANT STATUS

- Nonimmigrants may remain in the U.S. for a temporary period and are restricted to the activity consistent with their visas.
- Nonimmigrants are expected to depart the U.S. by the expiration of their status unless they have timely filed for an extension. There can be serious consequences for anyone who overstays his/her authorized period of admission.

Commonly used nonimmigrant visas:

B visitors; F-1 Students; J-1 Exchange Visitors; H-1B Specialty Workers; H-2B Seasonal Workers; K fiancés; L-1 Transferees; O-1 Extraordinary Ability; E-2 Treaty Investors

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