

Understanding United States Immigration & Nationality Laws

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Five Categories of People



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UNDOCUMENTED OR OUT OF STATUS

Over half have overstayed their visas



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Refugees have been forced to leave their country to escape war, persecution or a natural disaster & have been approved to enter the U.S. for resettlement.

Asylees are applying for resettlement from within the U.S. due to a well founded fear of persecution on account of a protected ground.



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Citizens



- Native Born
- Derivatives
- Naturalized

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Nonimmigrants – an alphabet soup of categories



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