



9 Million Relatives of Immigrants Were Admitted into US in Last Decade

As a result of 'chain migration', 9.3 million people were allowed to become legal US citizens between 2005 – 2016, for the sole reason that they had a relative who already was an immigrant. The total number of foreign nationals legally entering the US over the-year period was more than 13 million people. Chain migration the largest driver of immigration to the US, accounts for more than 70%, with every two new immigrants bringing seven relatives with them. -GEG

More than nine million foreign relatives of immigrants have entered the United States in the last ten years, explosive data from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) reveals.

Previously unreleased DHS information on the number of foreign relatives who enter the U.S. simply because their family member is an immigrant sheds light on the massive scale of this process that is known as "chain migration."

According to the data, about 9.3 million foreign nationals have come to the U.S. as chain migrants between 2005 and 2016. In that same time period, a total of 13.06 million foreign nationals have entered the U.S. through the legal immigration system, as every seven out of ten new arrivals come to the

country for nothing other than family reunification.

This makes chain migration the largest driver of immigration to the U.S. – making up more than 70 percent – with every two new immigrants bringing seven foreign relatives with them.



Currently, only one in 15 foreign nationals admitted to the

U.S. come to the country based on skills and employment purposes. Though roughly 150,000 employment-based Green Cards are allotted every year, half of those Green Cards actually go to the foreign relatives of employees.

The DHS data is the first time the agency has ever released chain migration statistics broken down into the country of origin from which foreign nationals arrive to the U.S.

In the last decade, 1.7 million chain migrants have entered the country from Mexico, with the average Mexican immigrant bringing roughly six foreign relatives with them to the U.S. Mexico sends more chain migrants to the U.S. than any other country.

Over the past ten years, these countries have sent the following number of chain migrants to the U.S.:

- 600,000 from India
- 600,000 from the Philippines
- 500,000 from China
- 177,000 from Pakistan
- 80,252 from Iran

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Trump's White House Withdraws from UN Migrant Pact

The White House pulled out of the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, a non-binding agreement that Obama signed in 2016. The US is no longer a member state pledging to uphold the rights of refugees, assist in resettlement, and provide access to education and jobs. *Foreign Policy* magazine published the White House explanation: "Our decisions on immigration policies must always be made by Americans and Americans alone. We will decide how best to control our borders and who will be allowed to enter our country. The global approach in the New York Declaration is simply not compatible with U.S. sovereignty." -GEG

The U.S. officials told the United Nations it would withdraw from a global agreement on the treatment of migrants because it is "inconsistent" with U.S. immigration policies.

The U.S. Mission to the United Nations made the notification Saturday, two days before the start of a global conference on migration in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

The United States signed the non-binding New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants in 2016 under President Barack Obama. Member states signing the pact pledged to uphold the rights of refugees, assist in resettlement, and provide access to education and jobs.

"The New York Declaration contains numerous provisions that are inconsistent with U.S. immigration and refugee policies and the Trump administration's immigration principles," a statement from the U.S. mission said. "As a result, President [Donald] Trump determined that the United States would end its participation in the Compact process that aims to reach international consensus at the U.N. in 2018."

On Friday, Trump also decided the United States would not participate in the Mexico talks, a three-day meeting on the New York Declaration and discuss humane ways of dealing with

millions of migrants.

White House chief of staff John Kelly and Attorney General Jeff Sessions were in strong support of pulling out of the meeting, unnamed diplomatic sources told Foreign Policy magazine.

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