

Global Immigration Facts



From the [United National International Migration Report 2017](#)

How Many: ~258 million people live in a country other than their country of birth in 2017 (3.4% of Earth's population).

Why Move: Migrants move to safer, higher-income countries, as a rule, sometimes reversing population decline in these countries. 26 million of these are asylum seekers (10%).

Who Moves:

- 74% of migrants are of working age (between 20-64 yrs old). The negative impact of outmigration of adults of working age on the population can be substantial.
- 49% are women

Destinations:

- High-income countries host 165 million international migrants.
- Middle and low income countries host 22 million (84% of) asylum seekers.

Destination Countries: 2/3 of all international migrants live in 20 countries; 1/2 of all are in 10 countries.

- ~50 million have come to the US
- ~12 million each to Saudi Arabia, Germany and Russia
- ~9 million to the UK

Continents of Origin

- 106 million have migrated from Asia

- 61 million have migrated from Europe
- 38 million from Latin America and the Caribbean
- 38 million from Africa

Countries of Origin

- 17 million have left India
- 13 million have left Mexico
- 6-11 million have left each of the following: Russia, China, Bangladesh, Syria, Pakistan, and Ukraine

- 65% were family-sponsored,
- 14% refugees/asylum seekers,
- 14% employment based,
- 5% diversity visa program
- 50% of all immigrants are Latino; 25% are Asian.
- Immigrant-owned start-ups create more than \$162 Billion in tax revenue.
- Immigrants pay sales, income and social security taxes
- 75% of immigrants learn to speak English well in the first ten years of arrival

Immigration in the US



From the [Pew Research Fact Tank 2018](#) and [US Immigration blog](#)

Of ~50 million immigrants in the US:

- 34 million (2015) were lawful, that is: naturalized, permanent or temporary residents. Of these 76% are working age
- Estimated 10-12 million are undocumented (50% of these have overstayed tourist visas, 16% are children). Of these, 92% are working age
- 43% of lawful immigrants live in six metro areas: NYC, LA, Miami, Chicago, San Francisco, Washington DC. ~27% of the total population of California is immigrants.
- 700,000 are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- 2015 Homeland Security stats:

Welcoming the Stranger

“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” Matthew 25



There is strength in numbers. Hundreds of charitable organizations nationally assist immigrants in many areas such as shelter / hospitality, social services, language & translation, advocacy, law making, pro-bono legal services, and housing. Sometimes services depend upon legal status and may specialize in factors such as country of origin, religion, race, gender, sexual orientation, detainment, or torture experience. People interested in supporting immigrant justice can engage with them, volunteer and donate.

What Can Your Parish Do?



St. Michael's is a socially diverse and theologically progressive community of faith, inviting all people to seek a life of spiritual growth grounded in worship, prayer, study, service, and fellowship.

Through creative worship and strong personal commitments, we seek to be transformed by the love of God in Christ so that we may be sent out to serve the poor and all those in need.

Building God's Kingdom: Open hands, Open hearts, Open minds

St. Michael & All Angels

Sunday Services: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM.
Formation Hour: 10:15
Wednesday Soul Break Taizé: 6:00 PM
Thursday Eucharist: 9:30 AM
Morning Prayer Monday-Friday 8:00 AM

Immigration

An Issue for Our Time



Support local organizations and ministries in other churches financially or by volunteering:

- [New Mexico Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice](#)
- [New Mexico Immigrant Law Center](#)
- [Encuentro](#)
- [El Centro de Igualdad y Derechos](#)
- [Catholic Charities](#)
- [Lutheran Family Services](#)
- [Border Service Corps](#)
- [New Mexican Asian Family Center](#)
- [Immigrant & Refugee Resource Village of Albuquerque](#)
- [Santa Fe Dreamers Project](#)
- [Reading Works Adult Literacy & ESL](#)
- [Episcopal Borderlands Ministry](#)

Consider establishing a ministry in your own parish to address immigration justice. Discuss and discern your approach with clergy, your Vestry and other parishioners in areas such as:

- Advocacy
- Legal Support
- Hospitality
- Assistance in Documenting
- Teaching English
- Cultural Assimilation
- Sanctuary & Court Accompaniment
- Sanctuary
- Asylum Support

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