

### **Unauthorized Immigrants (11.7 million)<sup>i</sup>**

People that are here without legal authorization and subject to criminal charges and deportation.

- Current major flow of immigration
- Predominantly from Mexico (6.2 Million) and Latin America (2.5 Million)

### **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) - 554, 000 approved)**

Unauthorized immigrants ages 15 to 30 who arrived in the U.S. before age 16 may qualify for deferred action if:

- They have continuously resided in the U.S. since June 15, 2007;
- They were physically present in the U.S. on June 15, 2012;
- They are enrolled in school, have a high school diploma or a GED, or have been honorably discharged from the military or Coast Guard by the time of their application;
- And they have not been convicted of a felony, a significant misdemeanor offense, or three or more other misdemeanors, and do not present a threat to national security or public safety.

### **Legal Immigrants/Long Permanent Residents (10.5 Million)**

Have been granted legal status. LPR's have all the rights of citizens except they cannot vote in elections and are subject to deportation if certain crimes are committed.

- Immigration and Nationality Act Amendments (1965)
- Family reunification rather than national origins quotas became the basis for granting entrant visas.
- By the 1980's 12.5% of legal immigrants were from Canada and Europe and 84.4% were from Asia and Latin America
- Immigration Reform and Control Act (1986)
  - 2.7 million unauthorized receive amnesty and are granted residency
- In 2000 75% of all legal immigration was due to family reunification

### **Naturalized Citizens (11.5 Million)**

There are about 4.3 million Latino Naturalized citizens. General Requirements to qualify for naturalization include:

- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Have a minimum of five years as a legal permanent alien;
- Be married to a citizen;
- Have a good moral character;
- Effectively read, write and speak in the English; knowledge of U.S. history and government.

### **Persons admitted on short term basis (1.3 Million)**

- Non-permanent immigrant visas
- Travel Visas
- Work Visas

### **Refugees (2.6 Million)**

- Displaced persons Act (1948)
- response to the Soviet Union blockade of Berlin
- since, WWII nearly 3 million refugees and asylees have been granted lawful permanent-resident status By the US

<sup>i</sup> Estimates compiled from several studies conducted by the Pew Research: Hispanic Trends Project, 2006- 2013.