Ask

How many immigrants have come to the U.S.?
- Click the link above to launch the map.
- At the bottom of the map, click the Play button.
- With the Details button underlined, click the button Show Map Legend.
- What pattern do you notice about the number of immigrants coming into the U.S. since 1820? [Immigration increased until the Great Depression and World War II, and then increased again starting in 1950.]

Acquire

How many green-card holders are in the U.S.?
- Click the button, Show Contents of Map (Content).
- Uncheck the box to the left of the layer name, History Of Immigration.
- Turn on the layer, # Of Green-Cards 2016.
- Which region had the highest number of immigrants coming to the U.S. in 2016? [North America and the Caribbean]
- Turn on the layer, Green Cards By State.
- Click West Virginia, which had the lowest percentage of immigrants.
- What was the predominant country of origin for West Virginia’s immigrant population? [Germany]
- Click New York, which had the highest percentage of immigrants.
- What was the predominant country of origin for New York’s immigrant population? [Dominican Republic]

Explore

Where are there favorable conditions for illegal immigrants?
- A sanctuary city is a state or county that has legislation in place that establishes a statewide sanctuary for undocumented immigrants.
- California has the highest percentage of immigrants as a part of their population.
- Describe the distribution of sanctuary cities. [Many on west coast and in NY-PA and CO-NM regions.]
- West Virginia and Montana have the lowest percentage of immigrants as part of their population.
- Do either of these states have sanctuary cities? [No]
- What correlation can you make between a high immigrant population and sanctuary cities? [States that have a high immigrant population are more likely to have policies that help illegal immigrants.]
How do refugees affect the U.S.?

- Turn off layer, Sanctuary Cities.
- Refugees are individuals who are unable or unwilling to return to their country of origin or nationality because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution.
- Turn on the layer, Refugee Groups By State.
- Do all states accept refugees? [Yes]
- What refugee group predominates in your state? [Answers will vary.]
- What regional patterns are visible in refugee groups? [The southwest tends to have more refugees from Iraq while Burma has more refugees in more states than other groups.]

Who comes to the U.S.?

- Turn off all layers.
- Turn on the layer, Immigration Stories.
- Read each story.
- How has each type of immigrant affected the U.S.? [Answers will vary.]