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Citizenship and Integration Grant Program (CIGP) FY 2017 Fact Sheet



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This fact sheet provides an overview of the characteristics and outcomes for Citizenship and Integration Grant Program (CIGP)¹ participants who received citizenship preparation services during fiscal year 2017 (FY 2017). The characteristics of CIGP participants include age, gender, marital status, occupation, country of birth, lawful permanent resident (LPR) class of admission, and length of time in LPR status. The outcomes examined include the type of service provided to CIGP participants, naturalization application submission count, English and civics test results including test exemptions, submission of fee waivers, and naturalization rates. This fact sheet also includes summary CIGP information for FY 2014, FY 2015, FY 2016, and FY 2017. The USCIS Office of Citizenship collected CIGP grant recipient data, and LPR data provided by the DHS Office of Immigration Statistics (OIS), was used in the analysis.

The USCIS Office of Policy and Strategy, Policy Research Division (PRD), Immigration Data Analysis Branch analyzed data extracted from USCIS databases such as CLAIMS3 (C3), CLAIMS4 (C4), and ELIS2 for form: I-485 (*Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status*) and N-400 (*Application for Naturalization*), associated with CIGP participants. CLAIMS3 was developed around 1992 and is the primary adjudication system for most USCIS forms until CLAIMS4 (developed around 1999/2000) and ELIS2 (developed around 2015) were launched.

During FY 2017, 80 CIGP organizations provided citizenship preparation services to CIGP participants in the District of Columbia and 32 states across the United States. Of these CIGP recipients, 40 received their two-year CIGP grant in September 2015, providing their first year of services in FY 2016 and their second year of services in FY 2017. The other 40 CIGP recipients received their two-year CIGP grant in September 2016, providing their first year of services in FY 2017 and their second year of services in FY 2018.

Each CIGP recipient received approximately \$250,000 in funding for their two-year grants. CIGP participants are offered citizenship instruction services to prepare for the English and civics portions of the naturalization test, as well as naturalization application services to assist with submitting Form N-400, Application for Naturalization.

- A total of 37,928 participants participated in the FY 2017 CIGP, down 2 % from 38,572 in FY 2016. Meanwhile, the number of N-400 applications associated with FY 2017 CIGP participants was 31,259, down 4.5% from the 32,734 FY2016 CIGP participants who submitted form N-400.
- 19% of CIGP participants enrolled between October and December 2016, 26% enrolled between January and March 2017, and 55% enrolled between April and September 2017.
- As of February 2021, about 55% of FY 2017 CIGP participants became naturalized U.S. citizens compared with 62% for FY 2016 CIGP participants.

¹ The program was formerly known as the Citizenship and Assimilation Grant Program (CAGP). This report will use Citizenship and Integration Grant Program to refer to past and future grant cycles. For details, see the program website at: <https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/civic-assimilation/learn-about-the-citizenship-and-assimilation-grant-program>

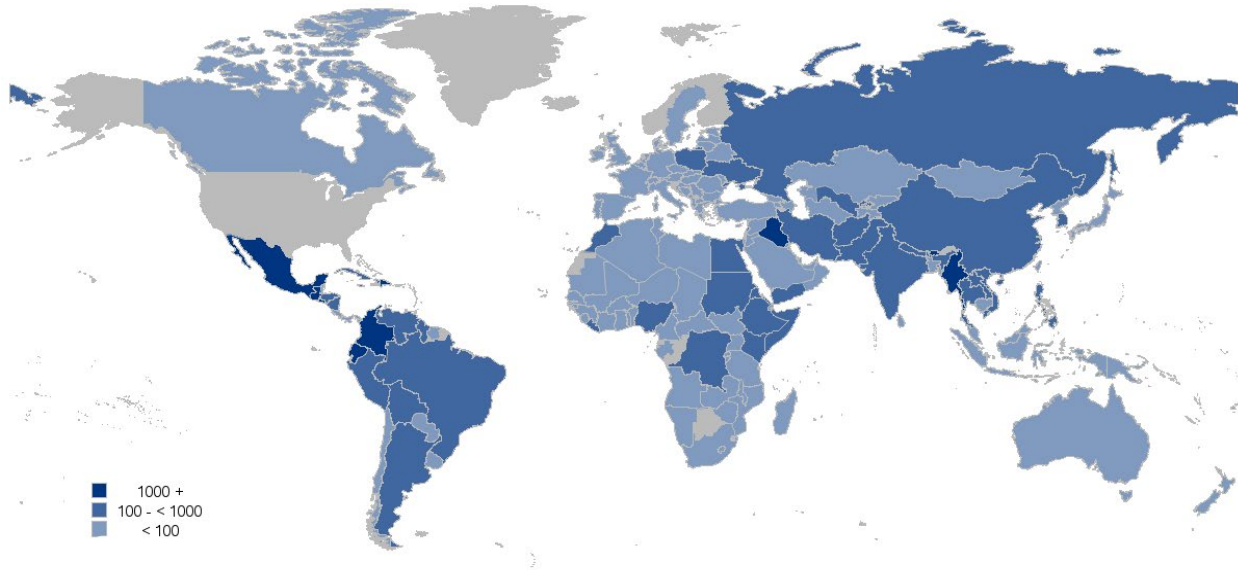
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FY 2017 CIGP Geographic Coverage

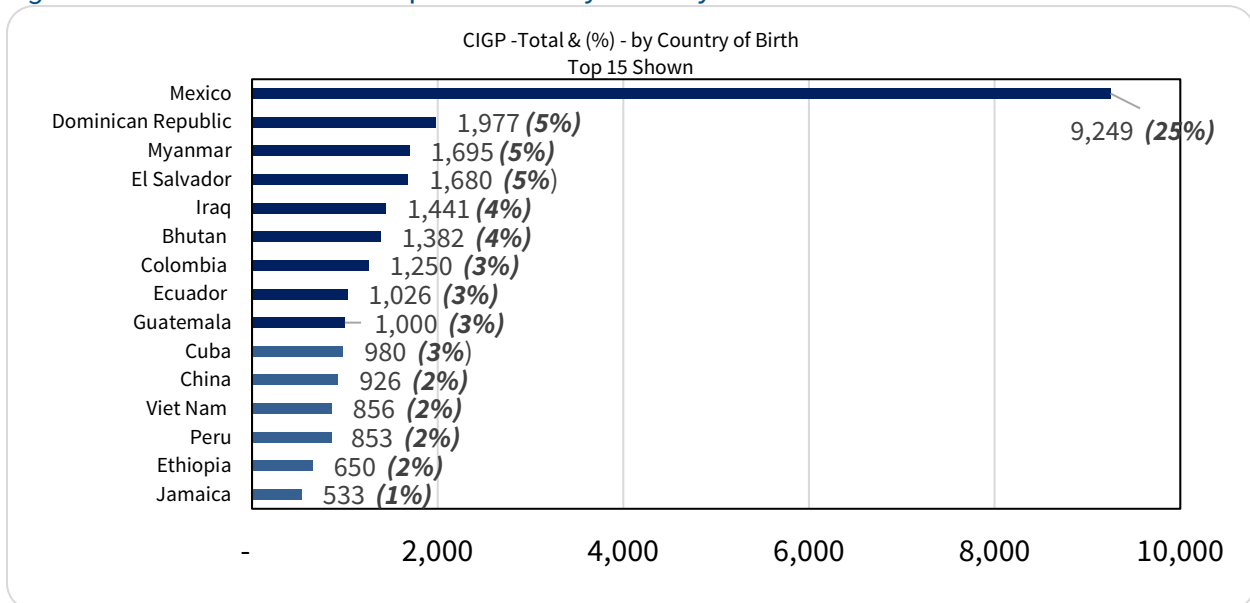
FY 2017 CIGP participants were born in 176 different countries. The top five countries of birth, comprising 44% of total CIGP participants were: Mexico 25%, Dominican Republic 5%, Myanmar 5%, El Salvador 4%, and Iraq 4%. (See Figure 1a and Figure 1b). In comparison, the top five leading countries of birth for FY 2016 CIGP participants were: Mexico 23%, Myanmar 5%, Iraq 5%, Dominican Republic 5%, and El Salvador 4%.

Figure 1a. FY 2017 CIGP Participants Total by County of Birth



Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIMS 4, and OIS LPR Data as of February 2021.

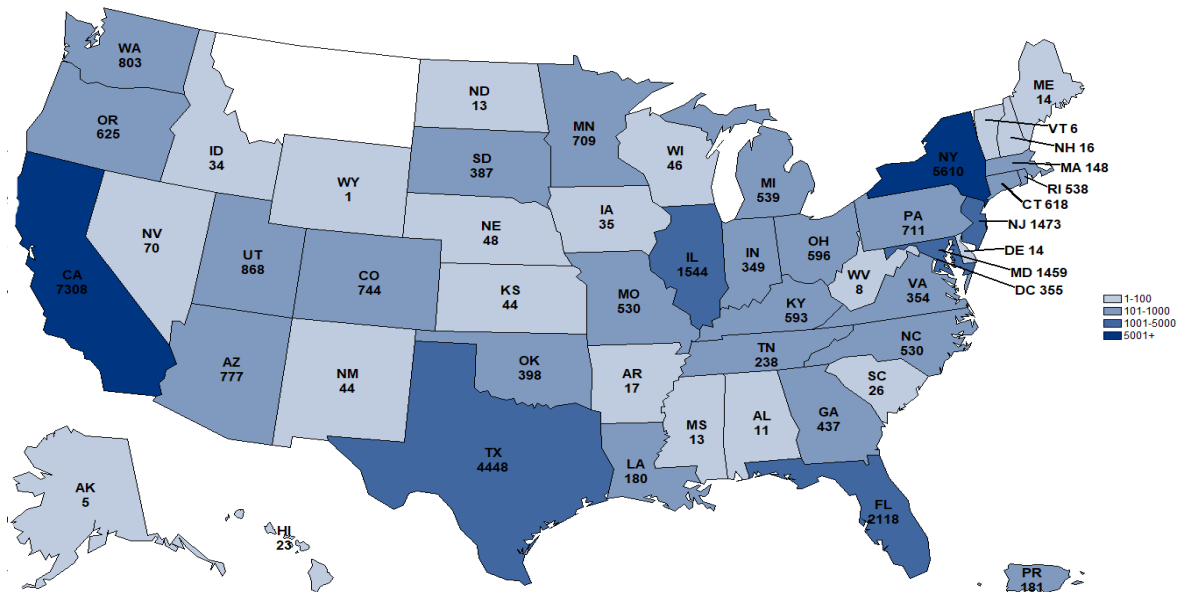
Figure 1b. FY 2017 CIGP Participants Total by Country of Birth



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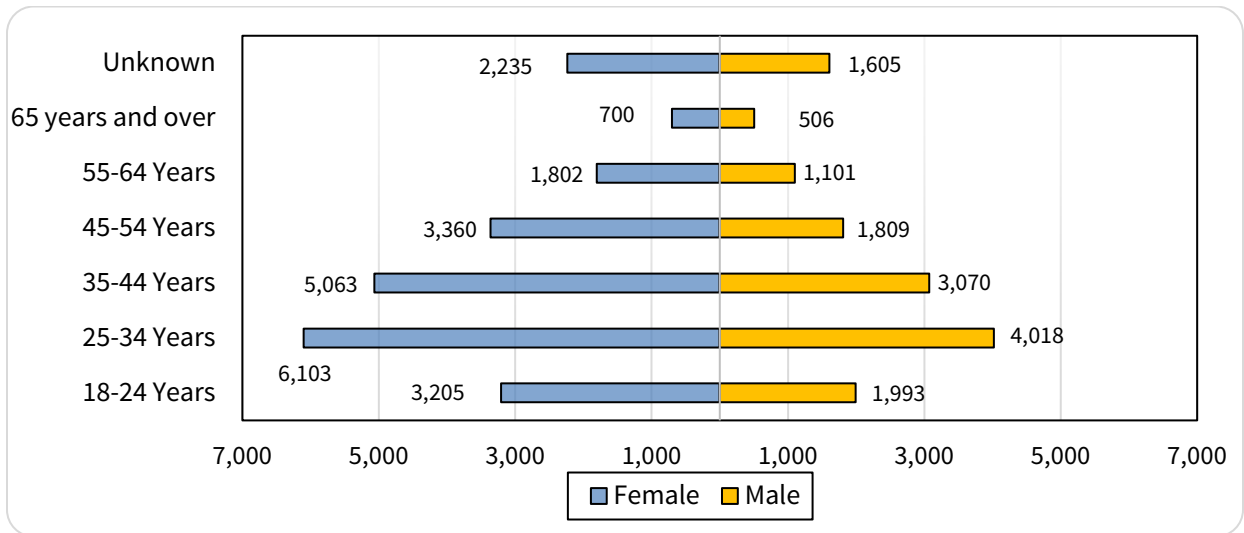
Fifty-seven percent of FY 2017 CIGP participants at the time they enrolled in CIGP, lived in five states: California (20%), New York (15%), Texas (12%), Florida (6%), and Illinois (4%). (See Figure 2a, and Figure 2b). Approximately 53% of FY 2016 CIGP participants lived in: California (22%), New York (11%), Texas (10%), Florida (8%), and Illinois (5%).

Figure 2a. FY 2017 CIGP Participants Total by U.S. States Residence



CIGP Participant Characteristics

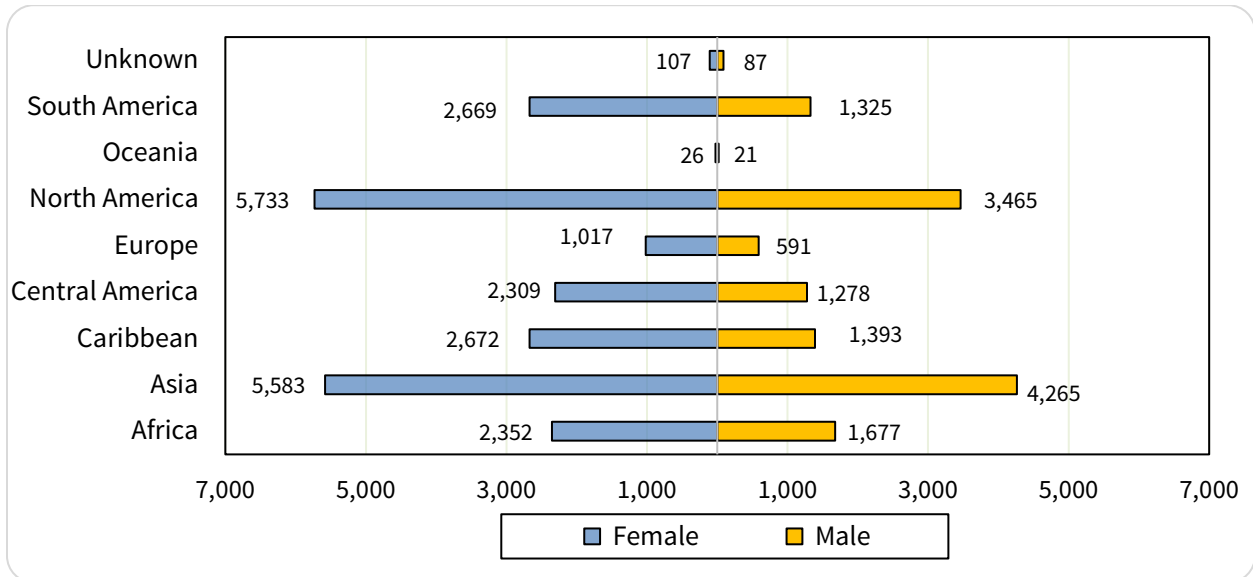
Figure 3. FY 2017 CIGP Participants by Age Group and Gender



Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIMS 4, and OIS LPR Data as of February 2021.

Over 48% of FY 2017 CIGP participants were 25 to 44 years old. The median age for FY 2017 CIGP participants was 35. (See Figure 3)

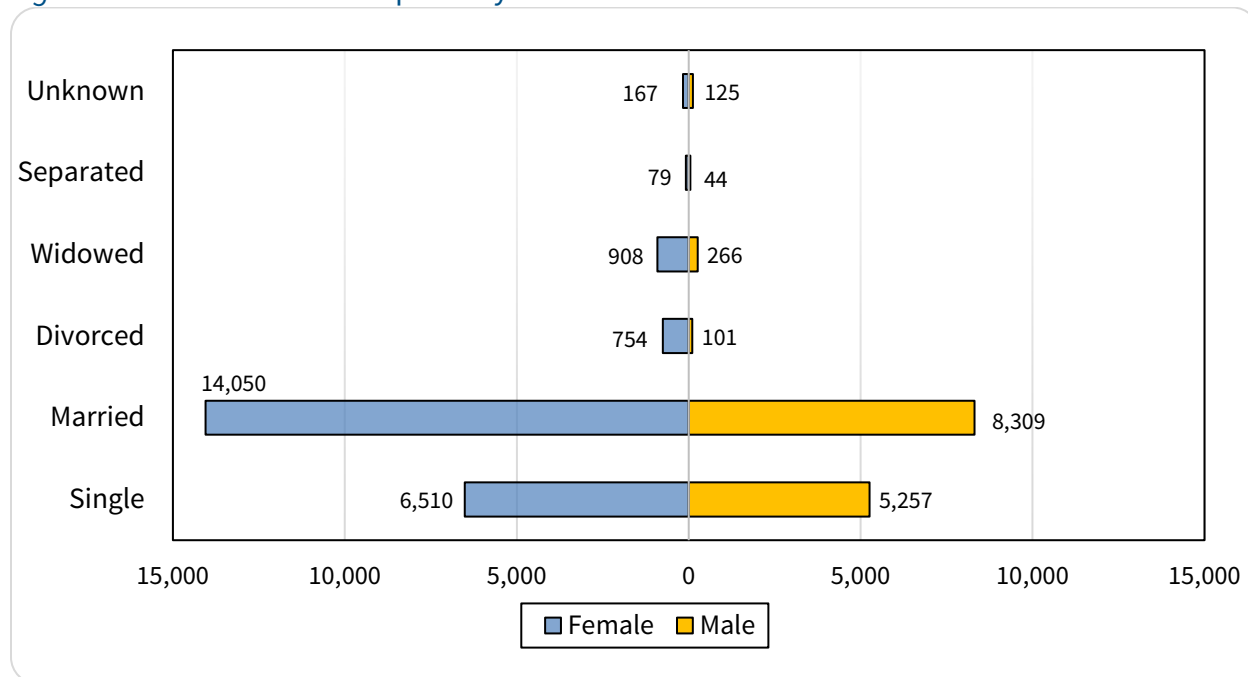
Figure 4. FY 2017 CIGP Participants by World Region and Gender



Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIMS 4, and OIS LPR Data as of February 2021.

About 73 % of CIGP participants were born in the following regions: Asia (27%), North America (24%), South America (11%), and the Caribbean (11%). (See Figure 4)

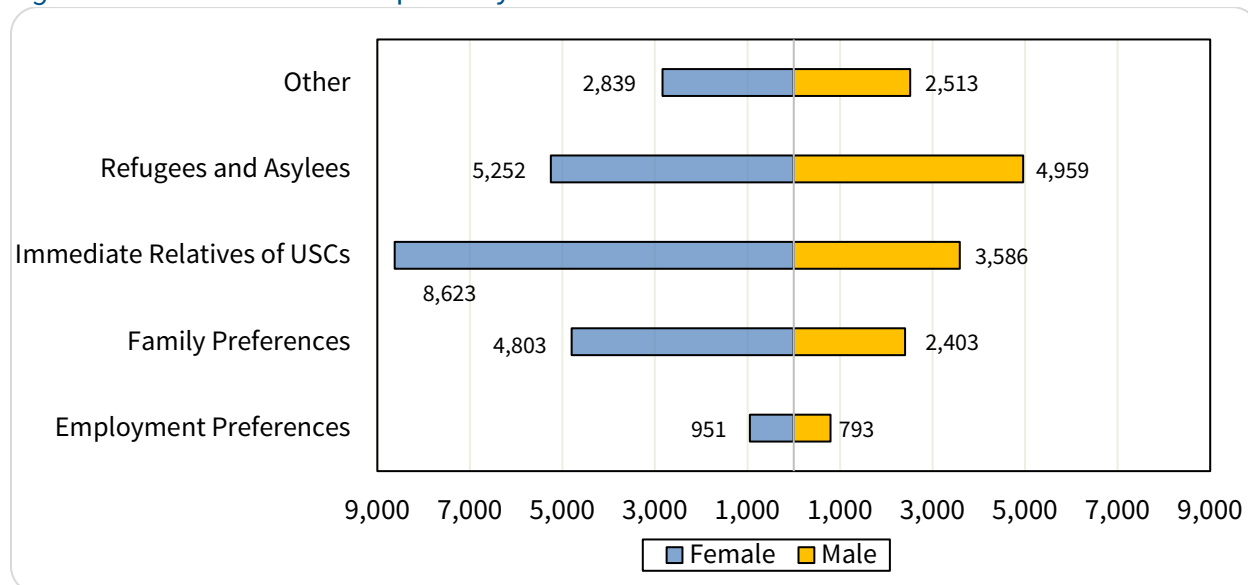
Figure 5. FY 2017 CIGP Participants by Marital Status and Gender



Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIMS 4, and OIS LPR Data as of February 2021.

Females accounted for 59% of all FY 2017 CIGP participants. The majority of CIGP participants were married 59%, while 31% were single, and 2% were divorced. (See Figure 5)

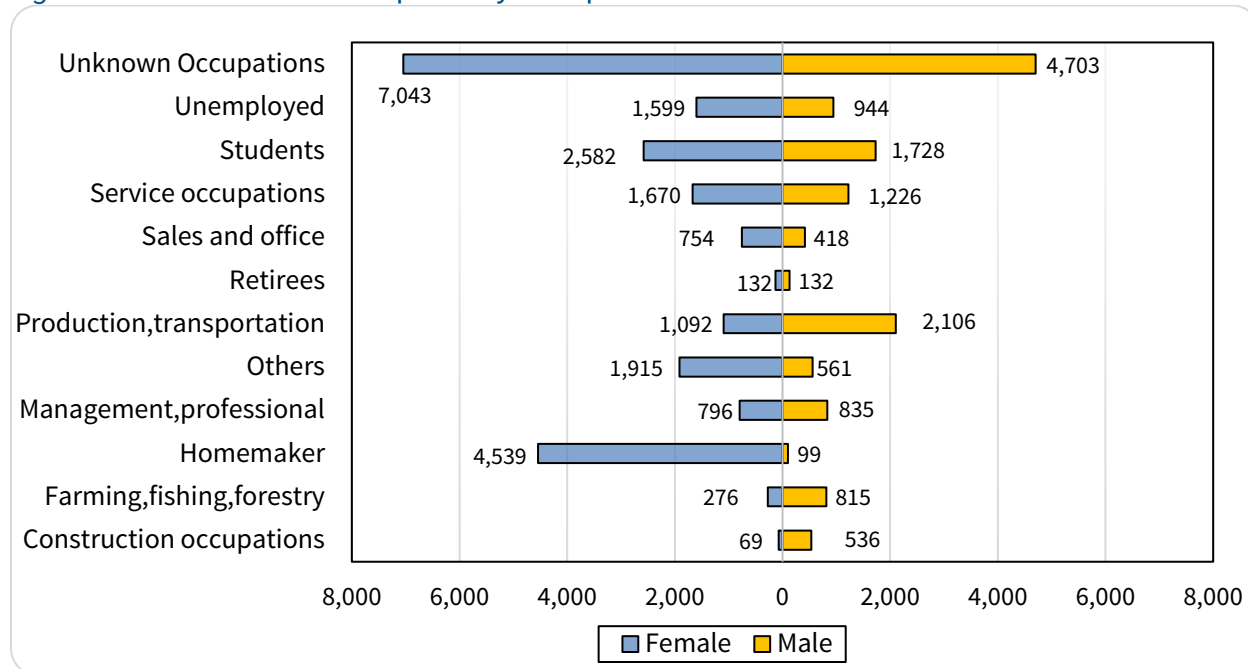
Figure 6. FY 2017 CIGP Participants by Admission Class and Gender



Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIMS 4, and OIS LPR Data as of February 2021.

One-third of FY 2017 CIGP participants gained LPR status after admission as immediate relatives of U.S. citizens, while 26% were admitted as refugees and asylees, and another 19% were admitted under family-sponsored preferences. (See Figure 6)

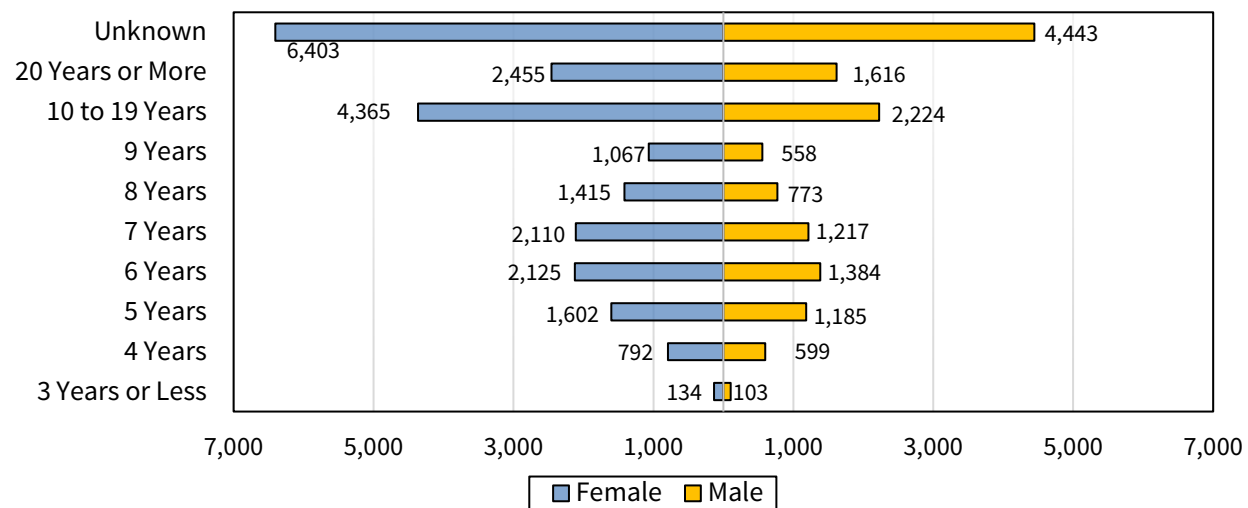
Figure 7. FY 2017 CIGP Participants by Occupation and Gender



Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIMS 4, and OIS LPR Data as of February 2021.

Nearly 41% of FY 2017 CIGP participants reported that they had Unknown or Other occupations when they applied for naturalization. Seven percent unemployed, 12% were homemakers, 12% were students, 3% reported they were retired; and 7% were in service occupations. (See Figure 7).

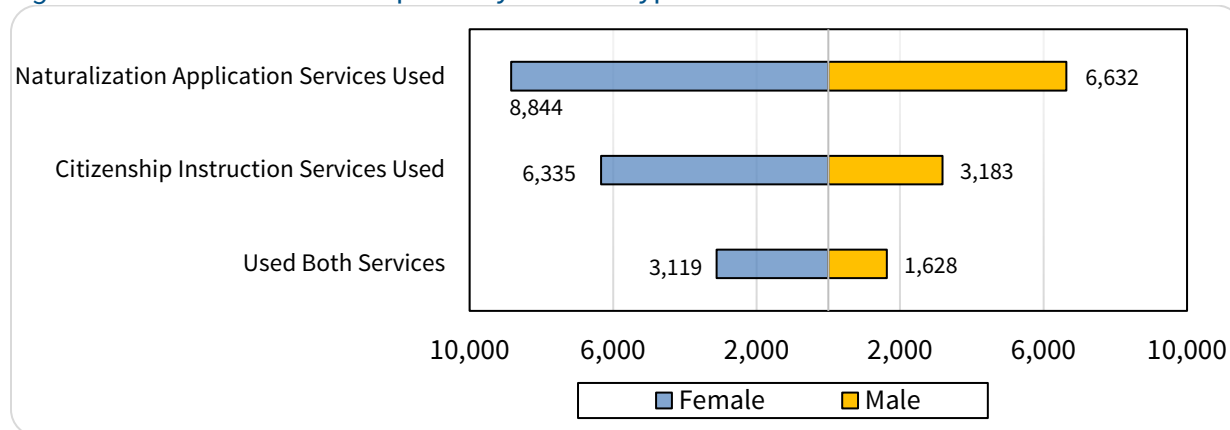
Figure 8. FY 2017 CIGP Participants by Years in LPR Status and Gender



Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIMS 4, and OIS LPR Data as of February 2021.

FY 2017 CIGP participants had spent a median of eight years in LPR status before becoming U.S. citizens. (See Figure 8). FY 2016 CIGP LPR status median duration time was eight years as well.

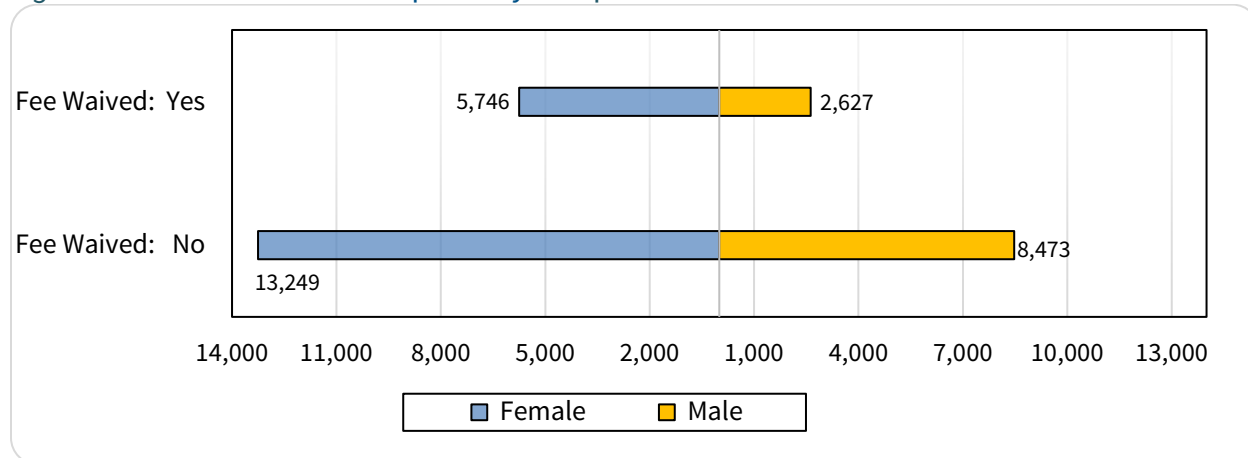
Figure 9. FY 2017 CIGP Participants by Service Type and Gender



Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIMS 4, and OIS LPR Data as of February 2021.

About 13% of CIGP participants used both citizenship instruction services and naturalization application services, while 26% used only citizenship instructions services, and 42% used only naturalization application services. (See Figure 9)

Figure 10. FY 2017 CIGP Participants by –Request for Fee Waiver² and Gender



Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIMS 4, and OIS LPR Data as of February 2021.

Within the two-year grant cycle, 31,259 FY2017 CIGP participants submitted Form N-400. Of which, 27% (or 8,373 of 31,259), had their N-400 fee waiver request approved. (See Figure 10).

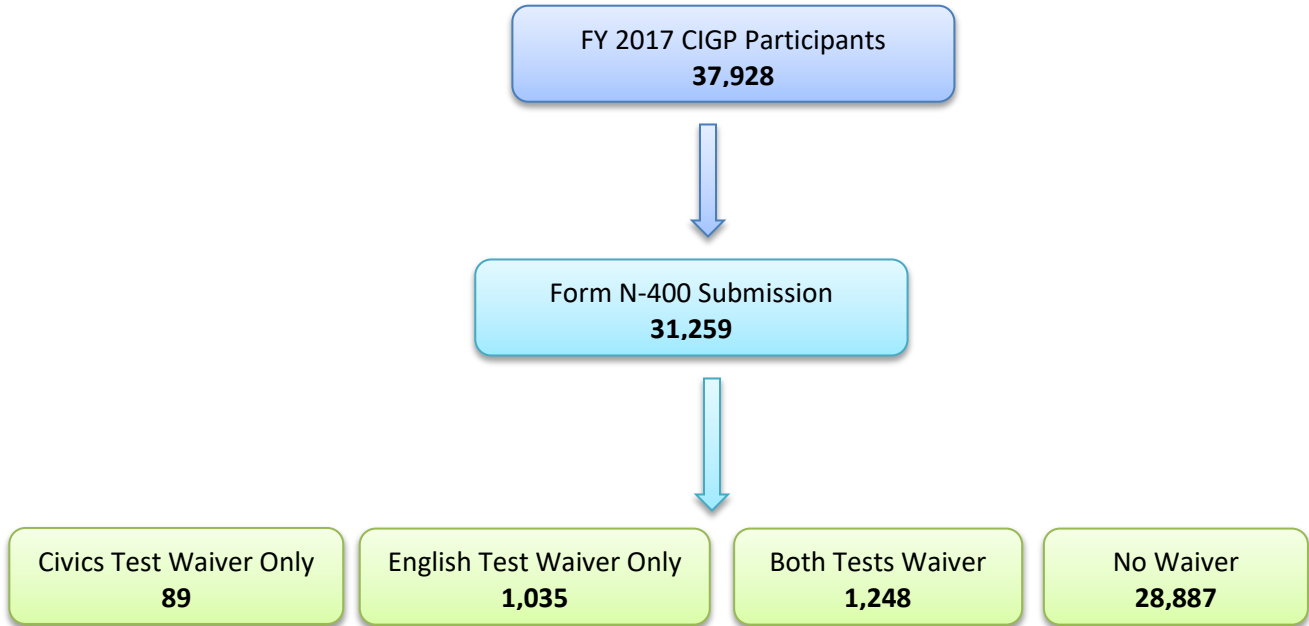
The above fee waiver status for the CIGP N-400 applicants doesn't include partial fee waiver information.

Note: Cases where gender is missing were not included in Figure 3 to Figure 10.

² For details about application fee waivers, see: <https://www.uscis.gov/feewaiver>

CIGP Participant Services

Figure 11. FY 2017 CIGP Participants Total– English and Civics Tests (Waiver Status)

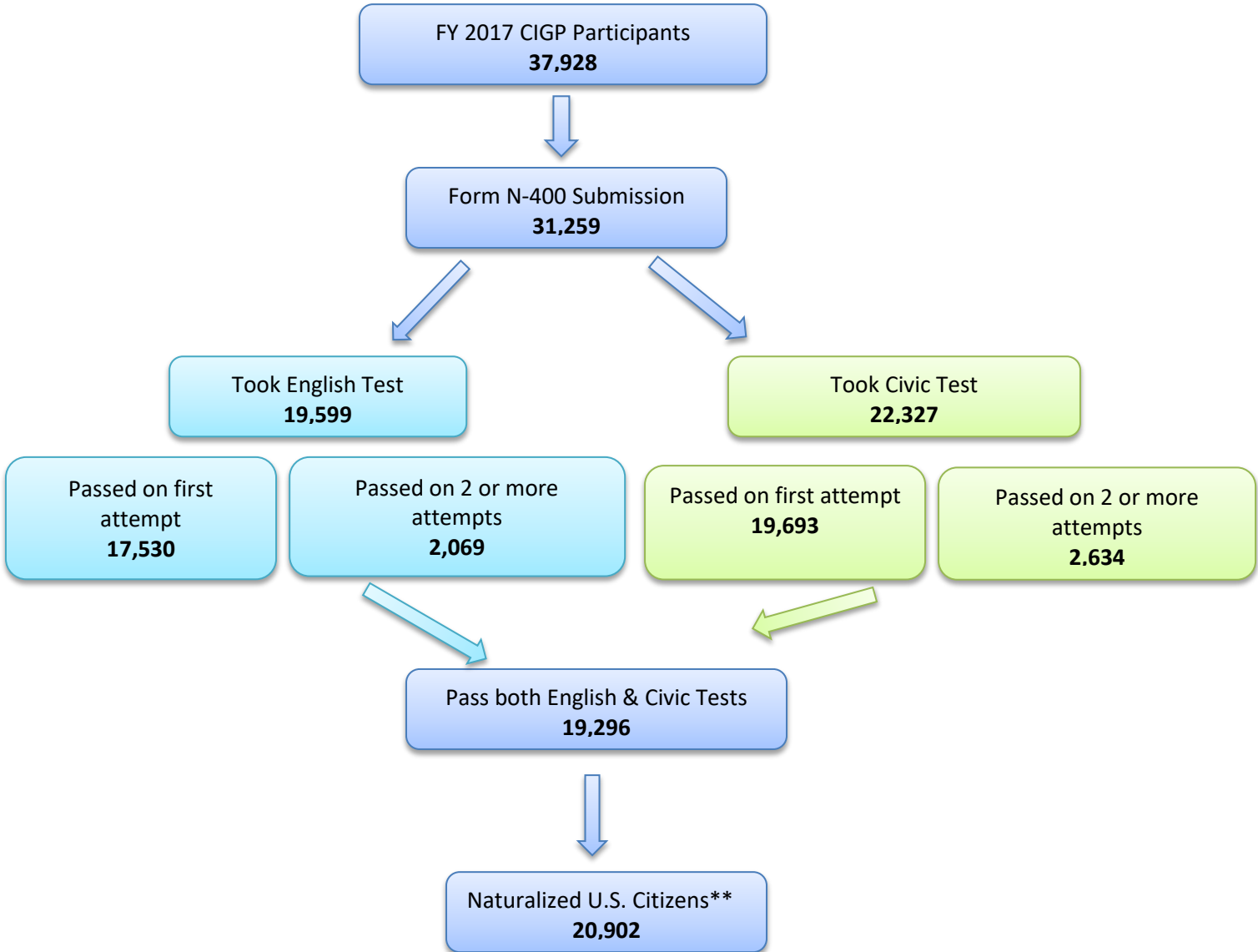


Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIMS 4, and OIS LPR Data as of February 2021.

Within the grant cycle, 92% (28,887 of 31,259) of FY 2017 CIGP participants that submitted Form N-400, received no exemption from taking any portion of the naturalization test. Of the FY 2017 CIGP participants, 89 participants were exempt from taking only the civics test, 1,248 participants were exempt from taking both tests, while another 1,035 participants were exempt from taking the English test.³ (See Figure 11)

³ For details about naturalization test exceptions, see the [Exceptions and Accommodations webpage](#).

Figure 12. FY 2017 CIGP Participants Total Form-N 400 Information



Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIMS 4, and OIS LPR Data as of February 2021.

*** Note:** The number of CIGP participants who became naturalized U.S citizens also includes those who were otherwise eligible for naturalization and either passed both the English and the civics portion of the naturalization test or received an exemption from one or both tests.

About 82% (31,259 of 37,928) of FY 2017 CIGP participants submitted Form N-400 as of February 2021 based on USCIS data. Over 88% CIGP participants who applied for naturalization passed either the English or the civics test on the first attempt. Fifty-Five percent (20,902 of 37,928) of CIGP participants became naturalized U.S citizens within the CIGP period. (See Figure 12)

Appendix

Table A1: CIGP Participants Summary Characteristics by Gender, FY 2017

	Median Age	Total and (% Percent) of Male	Total and (% Percent) of Female
Age			
18-24 Years	21	1,993 (14.1%)	3,205 (14.3%)
25-34 Years	30	4,018 (28.5%)	6,103 (27.2%)
35-44 Years	39	3,070 (21.8%)	5,063 (22.5%)
45-54 Years	49	1,809 (12.8%)	3,360 (15.0%)
55-64 Years	59	1,101 (7.8%)	1,802 (8.0%)
65 years and over	68	506 (3.6%)	700 (3.1%)
Marital Status			
Divorced	59	101 (0.7%)	754 (3.4%)
Married	37	8,309 (58.9%)	14,050 (62.5%)
Separated	40	44 (0.3%)	79 (0.4%)
Single	21	5,257 (37.3%)	6,510 (29.0%)
Unknown	33	125 (0.9%)	167 (0.7%)
Widowed	47	266 (1.9%)	908 (4.0%)
Birth Region			
Africa	31	1,677 (11.9%)	2,352 (10.5%)
Asia	35	4,265 (30.2%)	5,583 (24.8%)
Caribbean	33	1,393 (9.9%)	2,672 (11.9%)
Central America	34	1,278 (9.1%)	2,309 (10.3%)
Europe	42	591 (4.2%)	1,017 (4.5%)
North America	31	3,465 (24.6%)	5,733 (25.5%)
Oceania	34	21 (0.1%)	26 (0.1%)
South America	40	1,325 (9.4%)	2,669 (11.9%)
Unknown	44	87 (0.6%)	107 (0.5%)
Admission Class			
Employment Preferences	36	744 (5.3%)	951 (4.2%)
Family Preferences	31	2,392 (17.0%)	4,803 (21.4%)
Immediate Relatives of USC's	37	3,831 (27.2%)	8,623 (38.4%)
Other	32	2,666 (18.9%)	2,839 (12.6%)
Refugees and Asylees	33	4,469 (31.7%)	5,252 (23.4%)
Occupation			
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	34	536 (3.8%)	69 (0.3%)
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	29	815 (5.8%)	276 (1.2%)
Homemaker	38	99 (0.7%)	4,539 (20.2%)
Management, professional and related occupations	40	835 (5.9%)	796 (3.5%)
Military occupations	39	1 (0.0%)	1 (0.0%)
Other and no occupations	23	561 (4.0%)	1,915 (8.5%)
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	33	2,106 (14.9%)	1,092 (4.9%)
Retirees	66	132 (0.9%)	132 (0.6%)
Sales and office occupations	36	418 (3.0%)	754 (3.4%)
Service occupations	36	1,226 (8.7%)	1,670 (7.4%)
Students	16	1,728 (12.3%)	2,582 (11.5%)
Unemployed	41	944 (6.7%)	1,599 (7.1%)
Unknown occupations	37	4,701 (33.3%)	7,043 (31.3%)

Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIMS 4, and OIS LPR Data as of February 2021.

Individuals with "unknown" or "missing" gender information were not included in **Table A1**

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Table A1: CIGP Participants Summary Characteristics by Gender, FY 2017

	Median Age	Total and (% Percent) of Male	Total and (% Percent) of Females
Years in LPR Status			
3 Years or Less	32	103 (0.7%)	134 (0.6%)
4 Years	33	599 (4.2%)	792 (3.5%)
5 Years	34	1,185 (8.4%)	1,602 (7.1%)
6 Years	34	1,384 (9.8%)	2,125 (9.5%)
7 Years	36	1,217 (8.6%)	2,110 (9.4%)
8 Years	35	773 (5.5%)	1,415 (6.3%)
9 Years	34	558 (4.0%)	1,067 (4.7%)
10 to 19 Years	34	2,224 (15.8%)	4,365 (19.4%)
20 Years or More	29	1,616 (11.5%)	2,455 (10.9%)
# of Participants by Quarter			
Oct-Dec 2016	35	2,613 (18.5%)	4,334 (19.3%)
Jan-Mar 2017	33	3,769 (26.7%)	5,765 (25.7%)
Apr-Jun 2017	33	4,033 (28.6%)	6,574 (29.3%)
Jul-Sep 2017	34	3,687 (26.1%)	5,795 (25.8%)

Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIMS 4, and OIS LPR Data as of February 2021.

Individuals with “unknown” or “missing” gender information were not included in **Table A1**

Table A2: CIGP Participants Summary Service and Outcome by Gender, FY 2017

	Median Age	Total and (% Percent) of Male	Total and (% Percent) of Female
Services Used			
Naturalization Application Services	36	6,600 (47.1%)	8,803 (39.4%)
Citizenship Instruction Services	37	3,158 (22.5%)	6,303 (28.2%)
Both Services Used	34	1,624 (11.6%)	3,112 (13.9%)
N-400 Fee Waiver			
No	35	13,249 (61.0%)	8,473 (39.0%)
Yes	36	5,746 (68.6%)	2,627 (31.4%)
Exam Waiver			
Civics Test	38	34 (0.3%)	51 (0.3%)
English Proficiency Test	33	367 (3.3%)	573 (3.0%)
Both Tests Waived	36	397 (3.6%)	822 (4.3%)
No Waiver	35	10,302 (92.8%)	17,549 (92.4%)

Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIMS 4, and OIS LPR Data as of February 2021.

Individuals with “unknown” or “missing” gender information were not included in **Table A2**

Table A3: Comparison of CIGP Participants Characteristics, FY 2014-FY 2017

	FY 2014 CIGP Percent of Total	FY 2015 CIGP Percent of Total	FY 2016 CIGP Percent of Total	FY 2017 CIGP Percent of Total
Age				
18 to 24 years	7.9%	8.3%	13.7%	14.3%
25 to 34 years	19.6%	19.5%	26.0%	27.8%
35 to 44 years	24.1%	22.3%	21.1%	22.3%
45 to 54 years	22.7%	21.9%	14.0%	14.2%
55 to 64 years	15.7%	15.9%	7.7%	8.0%
Over 65 years	10.1%	11.9%	17.5%	3.3%
Gender				
Female	60.2%	60.3%	58.6%	59.2%
Male	39.8%	39.6%	36.7%	37.2%
Marital Status				
Married	64.2%	62.3%	59.1%	61.1%
Single	29.0%	23.7%	30.0%	32.2%
Divorced	3.4%	9.4%	2.4%	2.3%
Widowed	2.7%	4.0%	3.2%	3.2%
Other/Unknown	0.7%	0.6%	5.3%	1.2%
Birth Region				
Asia	28.8%	33.1%	28.9%	27.1%
North America	21.5%	19.4%	22.9%	25.3%
South America	13.2%	12.4%	10.7%	11.0%
Caribbean	11.8%	11.4%	9.9%	11.2%
Africa	9.6%	10.3%	9.3%	11.1%
Central America	9.3%	8.5%	9.9%	9.9%
Europe/Oceania	5.7%	4.5%	8.4%	4.5%
Top Five Country of Birth				
Mexico	21.3%	19.2%	23.0%	25.2%
Iraq	8.6%	6.7%	4.6%	3.9%
Dominican Republic	6.7%	5.3%	4.5%	5.4%
El Salvador	4.0%	3.8%	4.5%	4.6%
Colombia	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	3.4%
Others	55.18	56.7%	59.5%	57.5%
Top Five U.S States Residence				
CA	14.8%	14.6%	22.2%	19.9%
NY	17.6%	14.0%	10.7%	15.3%
TX	13.2%	8.3%	9.3%	12.1%
FL	3.9%	7.2%	8.4%	5.8%
IL	5.4%	6.1%	4.5%	4.2%
Others	45.1%	49.8%	44.9%	42.7%
Classes of Admission				
Employment preferences	5.6%	5.0%	4.7%	4.7%
Family-sponsored preferences	19.4%	19.5%	18.7%	19.8%
Immediate relatives of U.S. citizens	33.7%	31.4%	30.7%	34.2%
Refugees and asylees	27.7%	30.3%	28.6%	26.8%
Other (Diversity Visa, IRCA, parolees, etc.)	13.6%	13.8%	17.3%	14.6%
Employment and Occupation				
Unemployed	20.3%	14.6%	6.9%	7.0%
Homemaker	15.5%	9.4%	12.3%	12.7%
Student	8.7%	5.0%	11.7%	11.8%
Retired	3.8%	3.1%	0.7%	0.7%
Construction, extraction, maintenance	14.8%	2.1%	1.5%	1.7%
Service	14.3%	23.7%	7.2%	7.9%
Sales and office	8.0%	4.9%	2.9%	3.2%
Production, transportation	7.5%	5.3%	8.1%	8.7%
Other/Unknown/Military/Farming/Management	7.1%	31.9%	48.7%	46.3%

Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIMS 4, and OIS LPR Data as of February 2021.

**Table A4: Comparison of CIGP Participants Service and Outcome, FY 2014-
FY 2017**

Service Used	FY 2014 CIGP Percent of Total	FY 2015 CIGP Percent of Total	FY 2016 CIGP Percent of Total	FY 2017 CIGP Percent of Total
Naturalization Application Services Used	55.0%	52.2%	46.2%	42.3%
Citizenship Instruction Services Used	28.0%	27.6%	24.4%	26.0%
Both Services Used	17.0%	20.1%	15.3%	13.0%
N-400 Fee Waiver				
Yes	N/A	52.7%	41.1%	26.8%
No	N/A	47.3%	58.9%	73.2%
Exam Waivers Received ⁴				
Civics Test	2.0%	4.1%	< 1.0 %	< 1.0 %
English Test	11.0%	7.3%	3.9%	3.3%
Both Tests Waived	2.0%	3.9%	4.9%	4.0%
No Waivers Received	85.0%	84.7%	90.9%	92.4%
Naturalization Information ⁵				
Passed both (Civics and English) tests on first attempt	84.0%	88.9%	91.3%	89.9%
Passed tests on second or later attempt	16.0%	9.8%	8.7%	7.2%
Passed both tests	92.0%	93.4%	90.1%	90.0%
CIGP participants who became naturalized U.S citizens within the study period	67.0%	64.0%	61.7%	55.1%

Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIMS 4, and OIS LPR Data as of February 2021.

⁴ “Exam Waivers Received” refers to percentages of total CIGP participants.

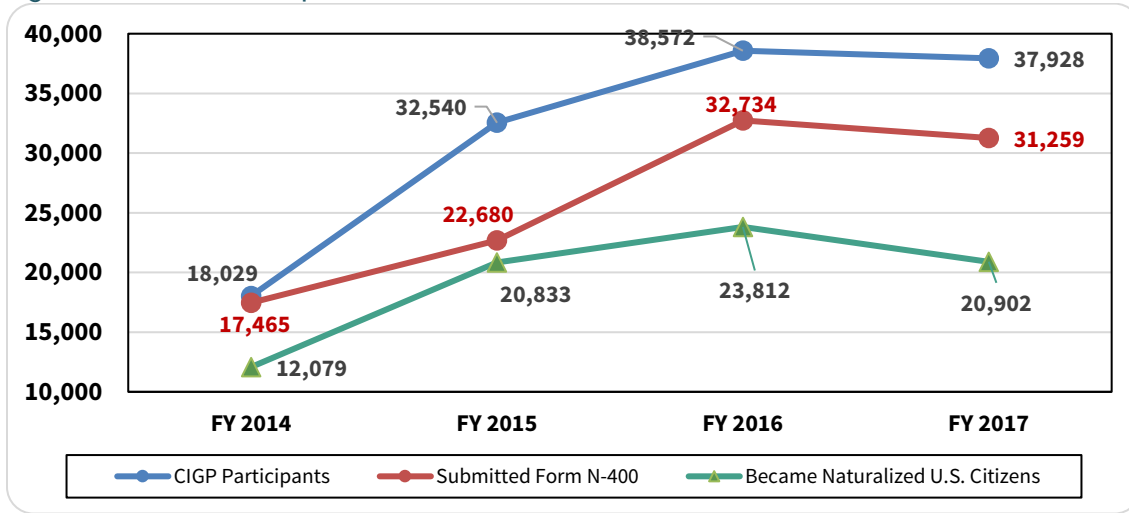
⁵ For more information on naturalization:

<https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/learn-about-citizenship/the-naturalization-interview-and-test>

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Trend Analysis FY 2014-FY 2017

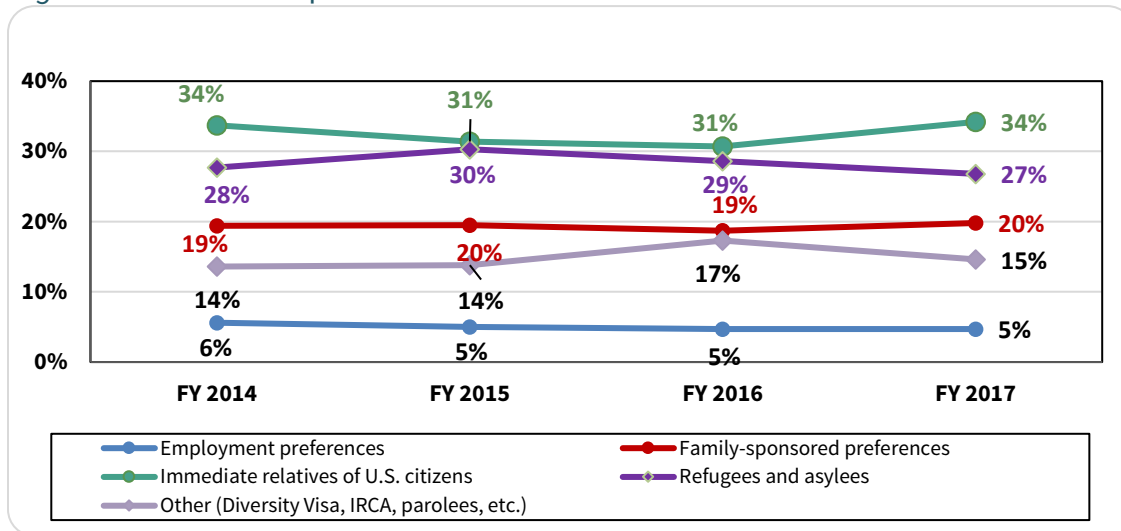
Figure A1. CIGP Participants Information



Source: OP&S Published Reports: <https://www.uscis.gov/tools/reports-and-studies> in addition to current FY2017 CIGP report numbers.

Between FY 2014 and FY 2017, the percentage change for CIGP participants is an increase of about 110%, while the percentage change for CIGP participants who submitted form N-400 is a 79% increase. Overall, the percentage change for CIGP participants who became naturalized U.S citizen is a 73% increase between FY 2014 and FY 2017 ⁶. (See Figure A1)

Figure A2. CIGP Participants: Admission Class

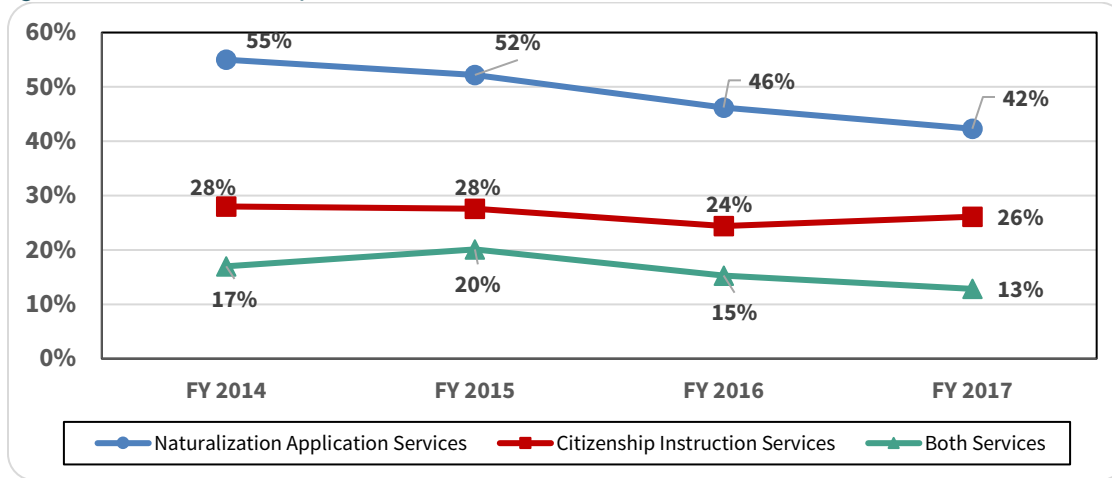


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Between FY 2014 and FY 2017, percentage change for CIGP employment-based preference for most classes remain relatively unchanged. (See Figure A2)

⁶ The FY 2014 data were skewed because we only had data for FY 2013 grant recipients, while the FY 2012 cohort did not report individual A-numbers.

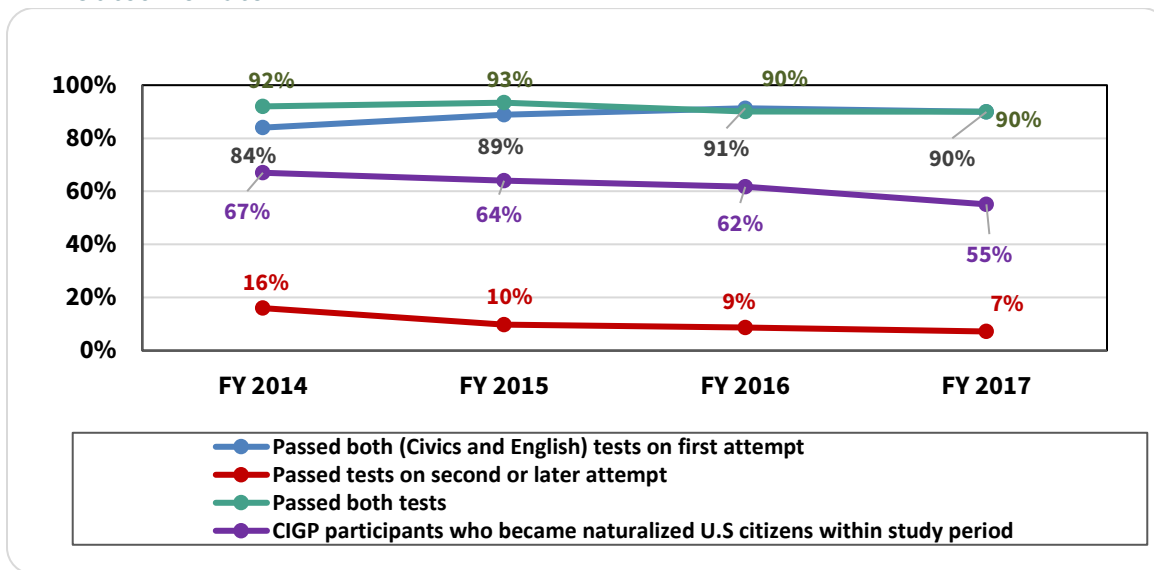
Figure A3. CIGP Participants: Percent Service Used



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Between FY 2014 and FY 2017, the percent change for CIGP participants who received naturalization services decreased by only 13% (from 55% to 42%). Furthermore, the percentage change for CIGP participants who received both naturalizations and citizenship services ranged between 13% and 17%. There were no changes in the percentage of CIGP participants who received citizenship instruction services. (See Figure A3)

Figure A4. CIGP Participants: English and Civic Tests Passing Rates and Naturalization Outcome Rate



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Between FY 2014 and FY 2017, the overall test passing for CIGP participants remained relatively unchanged (about 90%), while the percent range of CIGP participants who became U.S. naturalized citizens were between 67% and 55%. Potential contributing factors that may explain these results include the percent of CIGP participants that submit Forms N-400, application processing times, and final application status (approval, denial, etc.) (See Figure A4)