IMMIGRATION GUIDE

THE STORY OF U.S IMMIGRATION

- 17th century : European colonization begins ; forced migration of Africans through the transatlantic slave trade
- 19th Century : large waves of immigrants from Ireland , Germany , Italy , and Eastern Europe fuel industrial growth
- 1882 : the Chinese Exclusion Act becomes the fiirst major law restricting immigrations based on nationality
- 1924: the Immigration Act of 1924 establishes quotas favoring Northern and Western Europeans , limiting others
- 1965 : the Immigration and Nationality Act abolishes quotas , leading to increased immigration from Latin America , Asia and Africa
- Today : the U.S remains a top destination for immigrants , shaping its economy , culture , and society

LEXICAL FIELD

- Alien : A person who is not a citizen or national of the United States
- Naturalization : the process by wich a foreign citizen or national becomes a U.S citizen after fulfilling requirements established by Congress.
- U.S citizenship and Immigration services (USCIS) : the federal agency overseeing lawful immigration to the United States
- Temporary Protected Status (TPS) : A temporary status given to eligible nationals of designated countries experiencing problems that make it difficult or unsafe to return.
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) : A U.S. immigration policy allowing some individuals brought to the country illegally as children to receive a renewable two-year period of deferred action from deportation
- deportation : the formal removal of an alien from the United Sates when they have been found removable for violating immigrations laws
- Green Card : An informal term for the Permanent Resident Card , wich signifies an individual's status as a lawful permanent resident

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

- Population Growth : Between 2023 and 2024 , the U.S population grew by nearly 1.0%, the fastest annual growth since 2001 , largely driven by international migration
- Net immigration : the Congressional Budget Office estimated net immigration to the U.S. at 2.6 million in 2022 and 3.3 million in both 2023 and 2024, totalling approximately 9.27 million over three years
- Border Apprehensions : In January 2025 , U.S Border patrol arrested 29,000 migrants illegally croissant the U.S.-Mexico border , the lowest number since May 2020.
- Unauthorised Immigrant Population : As of 2024, the unauthorised immigrant population in the U.S was estimated to be around 11.4 million
- Detentions : As of February 2025, Immigration and customs Enforcement (ICE) detained 41,169 inidividuals daily with MIssissipi and Texas having the highest numbers of detained immigrants

ACTUALITY IN THE US

- Border wall funding : proposal includes increased funding for the US-Mexico border wall
- Mass Deportations : Not explicitly detailed in Porject 2025, but immigration laws will be strictly enforced
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Overhaul: proposal to dismantle DHS and merge immigration enforcement units for a stringer border security force