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Citizenship and Assimilation Grant Program FY 2016 Fact Sheet



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This fact sheet provides an overview of the characteristics and outcomes for Citizenship Assistance Grant Program (CAGP)¹ participants receiving citizenship preparation services during fiscal year 2016 (FY 2016). The characteristics of CAGP participants highlighted include age, gender, marital status, occupation, country of birth, Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) class of admission, and length of time in LPR status. Outcomes examined include type of service provided to CAGP participants, naturalization application submission count, English and civics test results including test exemptions, fee waivers, and naturalization rates.

This fact sheet also includes summary CAGP information for FY2014, and FY 2015 compared with FY 2016. USCIS collected the underlying data from CAGP grant recipients and USCIS data systems. In addition, corresponding Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) data was provided by USCIS Office of Information Technology (OIT). The USCIS Office of Policy and Strategy, Policy Research Division (PRD), Immigration Data Analysis Branch analyzed the data.

During FY 2016, 80 CAGP organizations provided citizenship preparation services to CAGP participants in the District of Columbia and 32 states across the United States. Of these CAGP recipients, 40 received their two-year CAGP grant in September 2014, providing their first year of services in fiscal year 2015 and their second year of services in fiscal year 2016. The other 40 CAGP recipients received their two-year CAGP grant in September 2015, providing their first year of services in fiscal year 2016 and their second year of services in fiscal year 2017.

Each CAGP recipient received approximately \$250,000 in funding for their two-year grants. Specifically, CAGP 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.

In summary, a total of 38,572 individuals participated in the FY 2016 CAGP, up 18% from 32,540 in FY 2015. Meanwhile, the number of N-400 applications associated with FY 2016 was 32,734, up 36% from the 20,760 CAGP participants who submitted form N-400 in FY 2015.

18% of CAGP participants enrolled between October and December 2015, 22% enrolled between January and March 2016., and 60% enrolled between April and September 2016.

As of August 2020, about 62% of FY 2016 CAGP participants had become naturalized U.S citizens compared with 64% for FY 2015 CAGP participants.

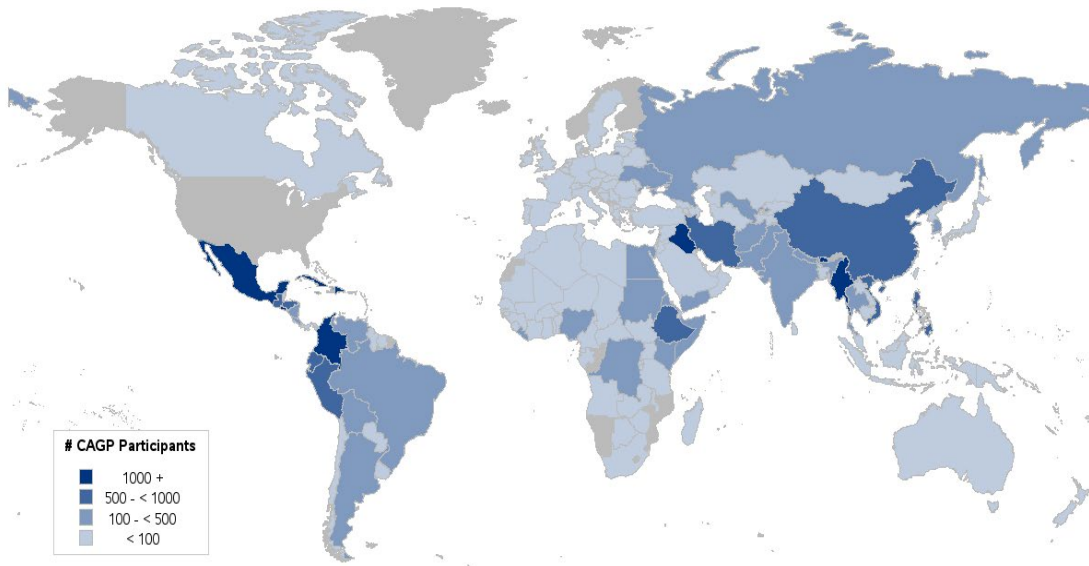
¹ The program was formerly known as the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program (CIGP). For details about the CAGP, see: <https://www.uscis.gov/about-us/citizenship-and-assimilation-grant-program> [https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/About%20Us/Citizenship%20and%20Integration%20Grant%20Program/FY 2015 Grant Program Awards Fact Sheet.pdf](https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/About%20Us/Citizenship%20and%20Integration%20Grant%20Program/FY%2015%20Grant%20Program%20Awards%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf) and [https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/About%20Us/Citizenship%20and%20Integration%20Grant%20Program/FY 2016 Grant Program Awards Fact Sheet.pdf](https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/About%20Us/Citizenship%20and%20Integration%20Grant%20Program/FY%2016%20Grant%20Program%20Awards%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf)

FY2016 CAGP Geographic Coverage

In total, FY 2016 CAGP participants were born in 173 different countries. The top five leading countries of birth, comprising 42% of total CAGP participants were: Mexico 23%, Myanmar 5.2%, Iraq 4.6%, Dominican Republic 4.5%, and El Salvador 4.5%. (See Figure 1 and Figure 1a)

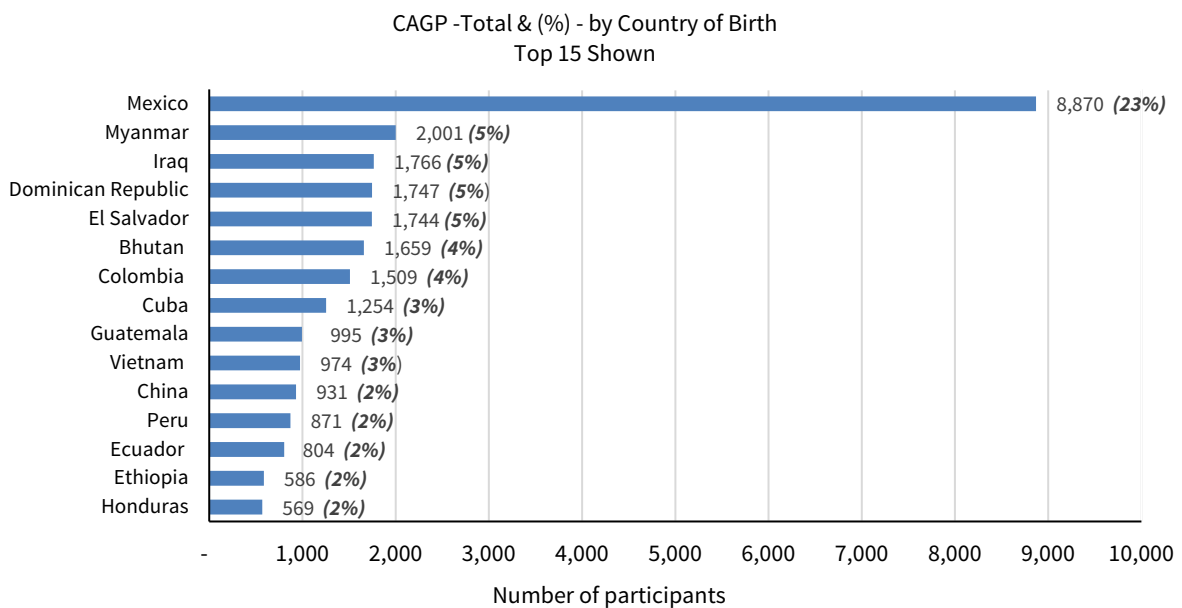
In comparison, the leading countries of birth for FY 2015 CAGP participants were: Mexico 19%, Iraq 7%, Dominican Republic 5%, Bhutan 4%, Burma 4%, Vietnam 4%, El Salvador 4%, and Colombia 4%.

Figure 1. FY2016 CAGP Participants Total by County of Birth



Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIM 4, and OIS LPR Data as of August 2020.

Figure 1a. FY2016 CAGP Participants Total by Country of Birth

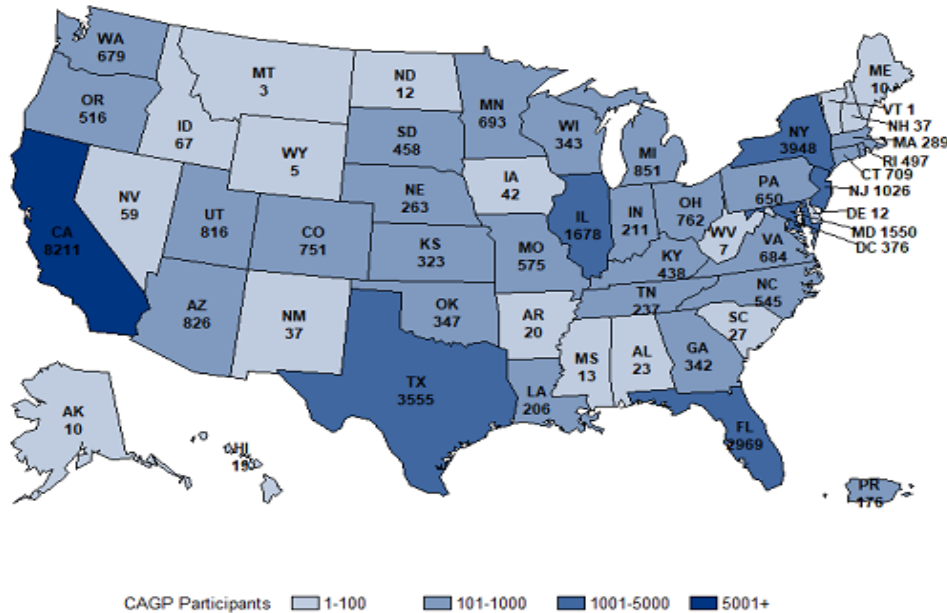


Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIM 4, and OIS LPR Data as of August 2020.

Fifty-three percent of FY 2016 CAGP participants lived in five states: California 22%, New York 11%, Texas 10%, Florida 8%, and Illinois 5% (See Figure 2 and Figure 2a). California showed the largest (about 8 percent) increase in FY 2016 compared with FY 2015.

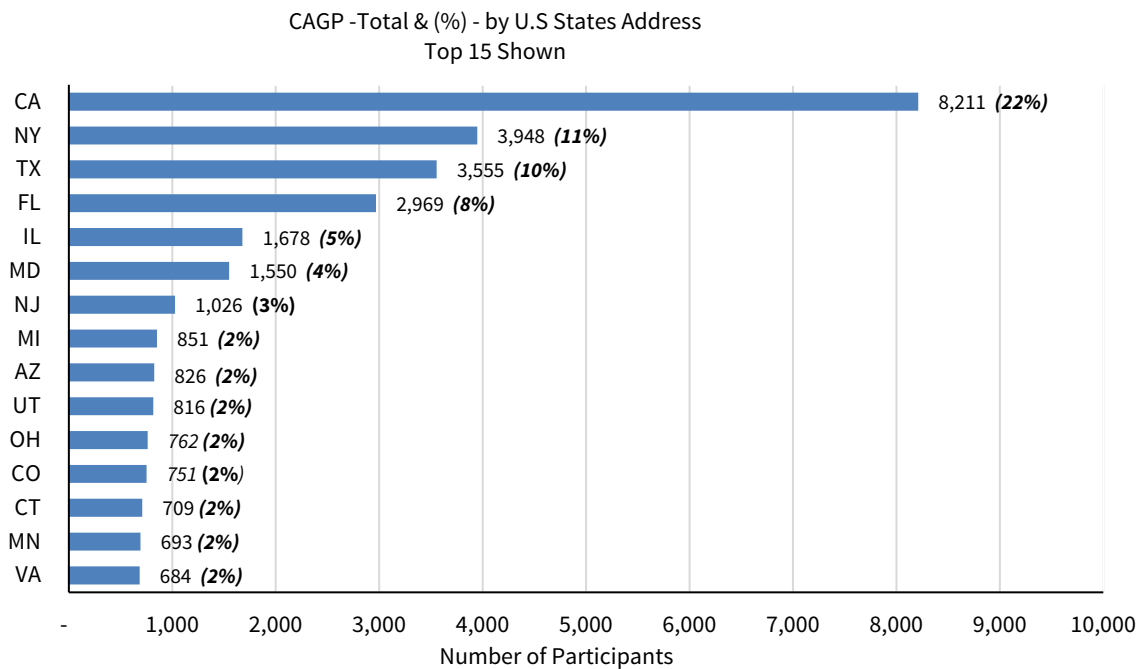
Approximately 50% of all FY 2015 CAGP participants were residing in the following states: California 14.6%, New York 14%, Texas 8.3%, Florida 7.2%, Illinois 6.1%, and Virginia 4.1%

Figure 2. FY2016 CAGP Participants Total by U.S State Address



Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIM 4, and OIS LPR Data as of August 2020.

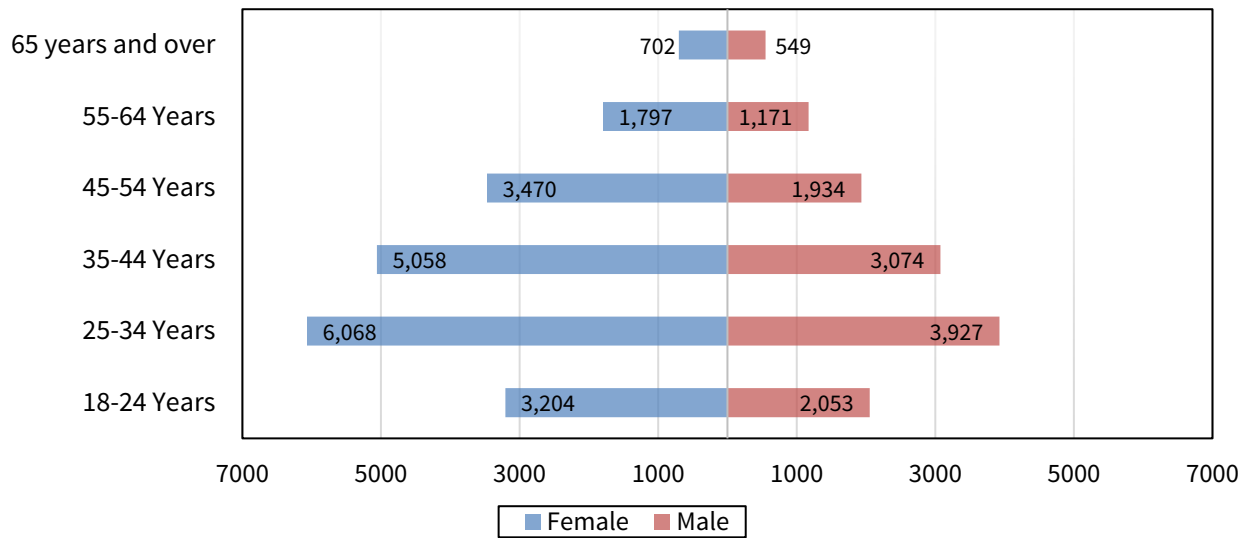
Figure 2a. FY2016 CAGP Participants Total by U.S State Address



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CAGP Participant Characteristics

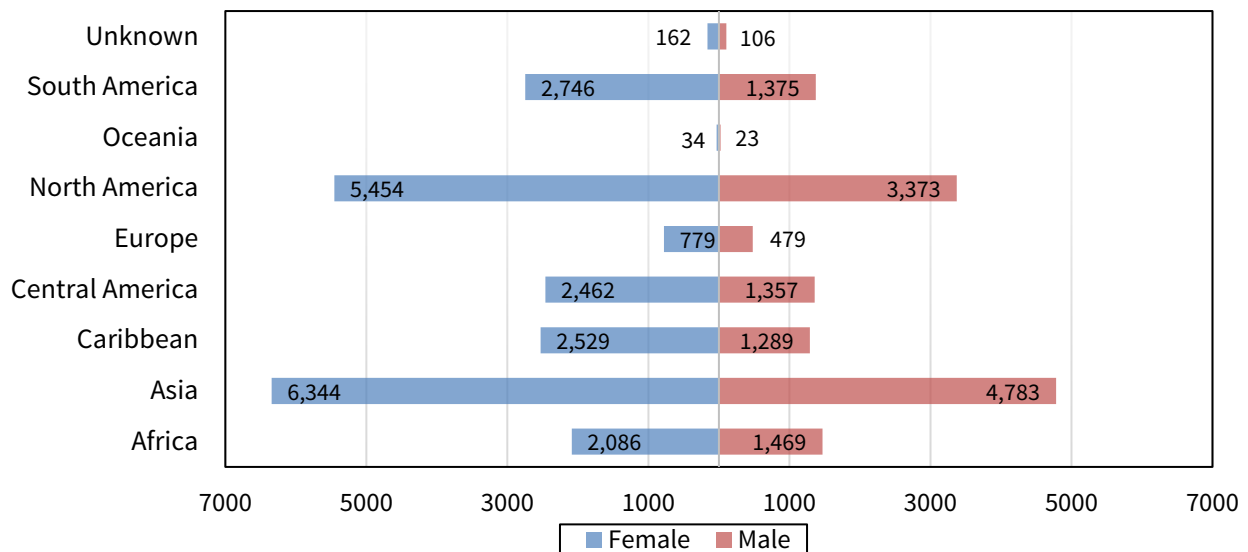
Figure 3. FY2016 CAGP Participants Total -Age Group by Gender



Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIM 4, and OIS LPR Data as of August 2020.

Over one-half of FY2016 CAGP participants were 25 to 44 years old. The median age was 38. The age distribution of CAGP participants was relatively similar for both males and females. (See Figure 3)

Figure 4. FY2016 CAGP Participants Total - World Region by Gender



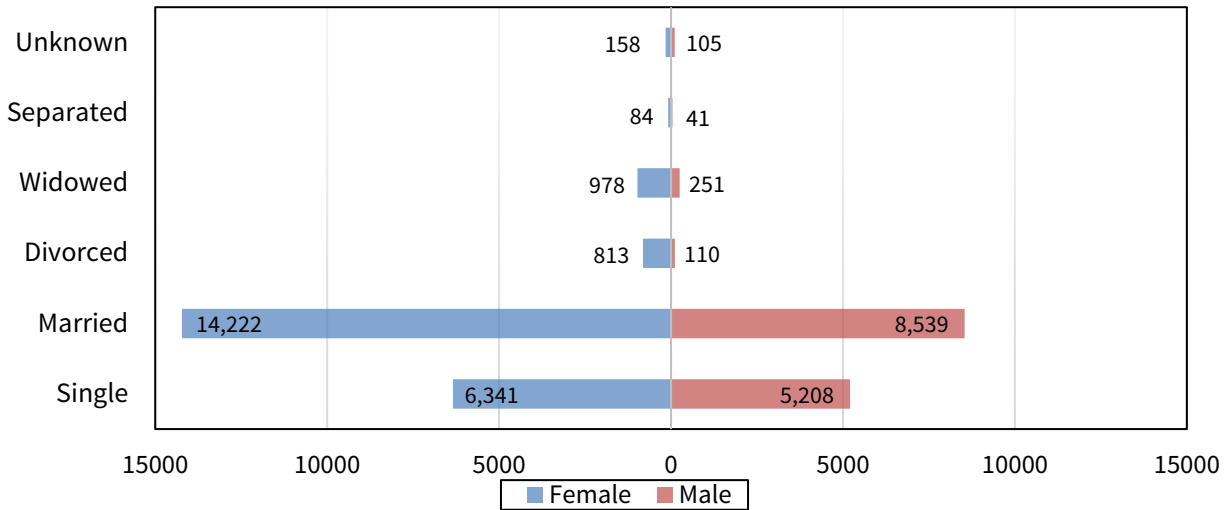
Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIM 4, and OIS LPR Data as of August 2020.

Over 70% of CAGP participants were born in the following regions: Asia 29%, North America 22%, South America 11%, and the Caribbean 10%. (See Figure 4)

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CAGP Participant Characteristics

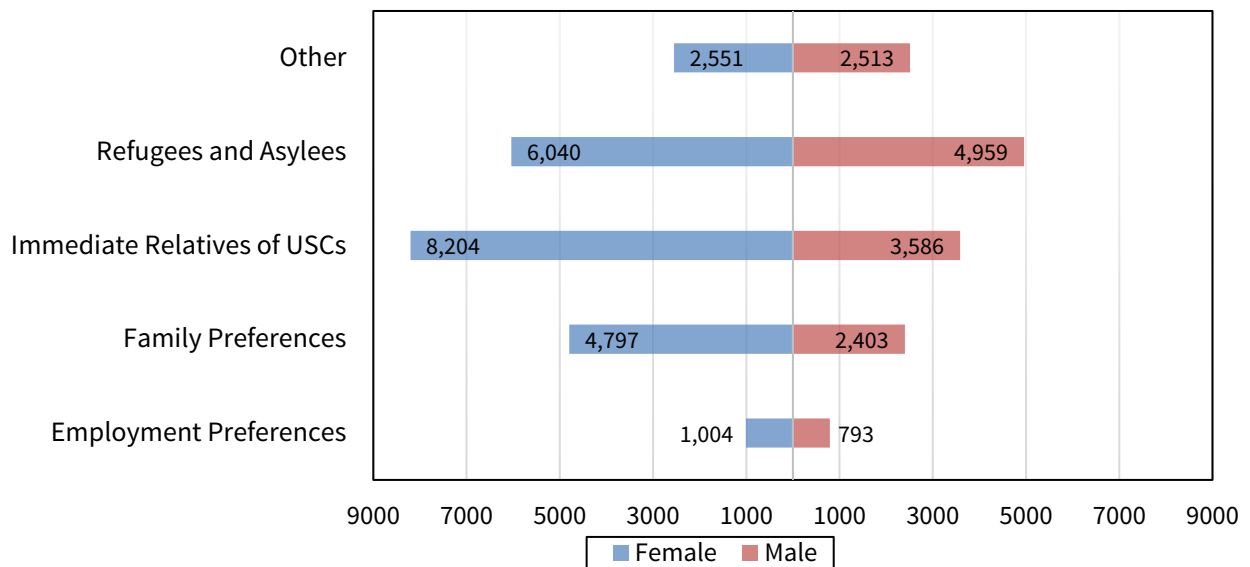
Figure 5. FY2016 CAGP Participants Total – Marital Status by Gender



Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIM 4, and OIS LPR Data as of August 2020.

Females accounted for 61% of all FY2016 CAGP participants. The majority of CAGP participants were married 62%, while 31% were single, 2.5% were divorced and little over 3% were widowed. (See Figure 5)

Figure 6. FY2016 CAGP Participants Total - Admission Class by Gender



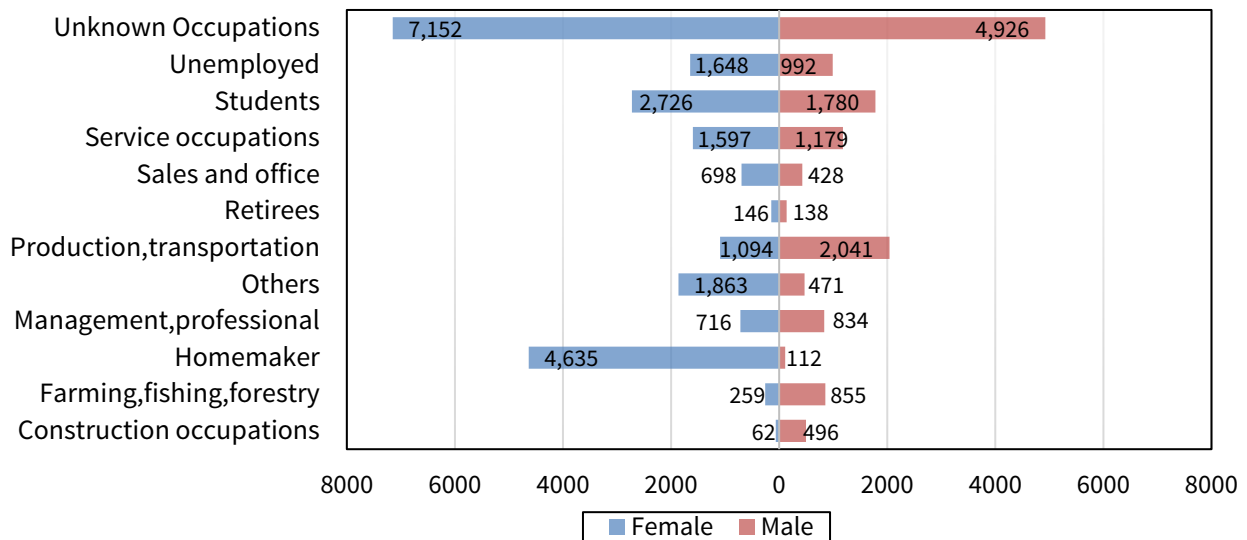
Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIM 4, and OIS LPR Data as of August 2020.

Thirty-one percent of FY 2016 CAGP participants gained LPR status after admission as immediate relatives of U.S citizens, while 29% were admitted as refugees and asylees, and another 19% were admitted under family-sponsored preferences. (See Figure 6)

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CAGP Participant Characteristics

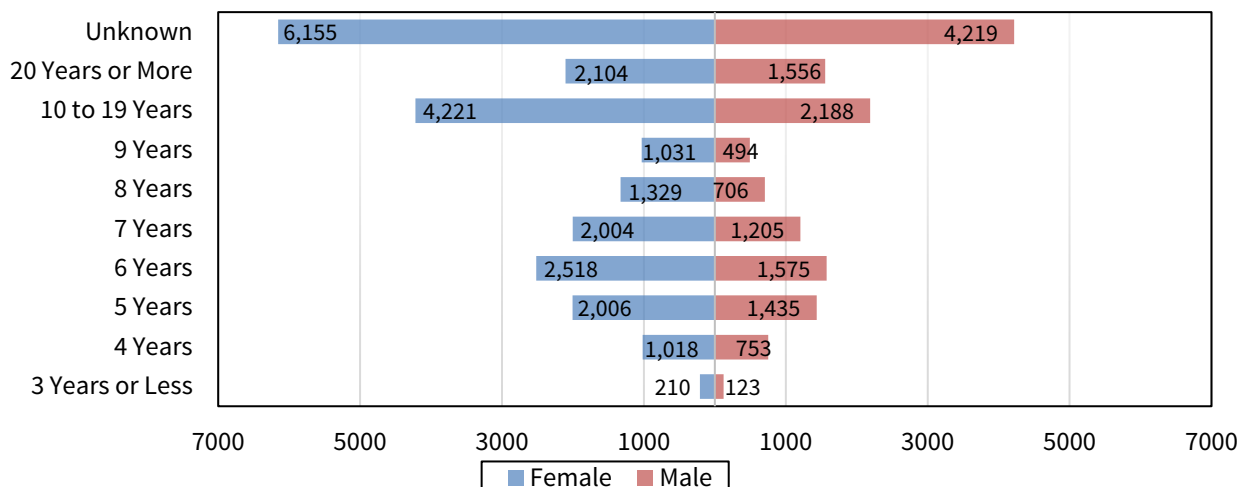
Figure 7. FY2016 CAGP Participants Total - Occupation by Gender



Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIM 4, and OIS LPR Data as of August 2020.

Nearly one-third of FY 2016 CAGP participants reported that they had no occupation or were not working outside the home at the time they applied for naturalization. Of those 7% were unemployed, 13% were homemakers, 12% were students, and 1% reported they were retired; an additional 7% were in service occupations. (See Figure 7)

Figure 8. FY2016 CAGP Participants Total - Years in LPR Status by Gender

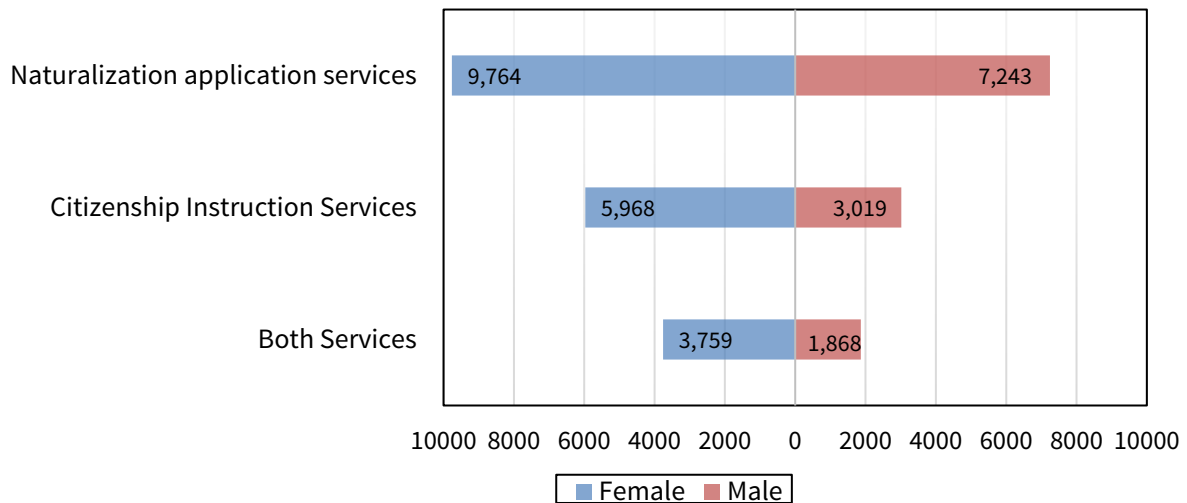


Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIM 4, and OIS LPR Data as of August 2020.

CAGP participants had spent a median of eight years in LPR status before becoming U.S. citizens. (See Figure 8). FY 2015 CAGP LPR status median duration time was 8 years as well.

CAGP Participant Services

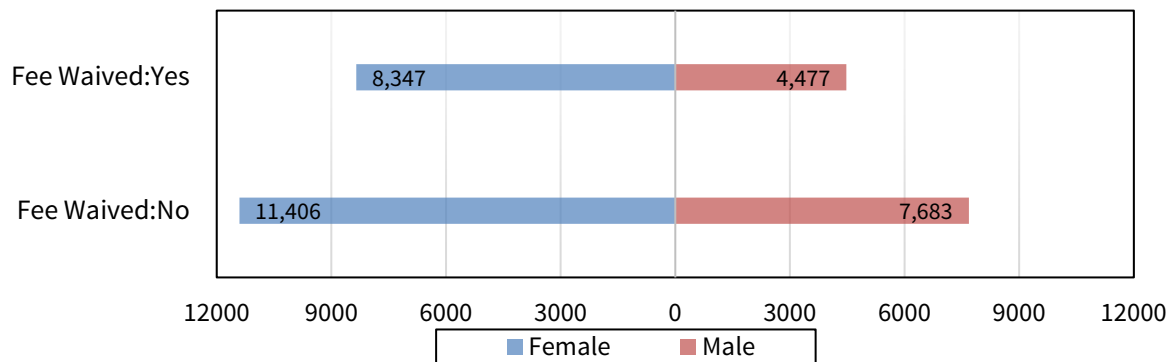
Figure 9. FY2016 CAGP Participants Total - Service Type by Gender



Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIM 4, and OIS LPR Data as of August 2020.

About 18% of CAGP participants used both citizenship instruction services and naturalization application services, while 28% used only citizenship instructions services, and 54% used only naturalization application services. (See Figure 9)

Figure 10. FY2016 CAGP Participants Total - Fee Waiver²



Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIM 4, and OIS LPR Data as of August 2020.

Forty percent of the FY 2016 CAGP participants met the financial hardship eligibility criteria and had their fee waiver request approved. (See Figure 10)

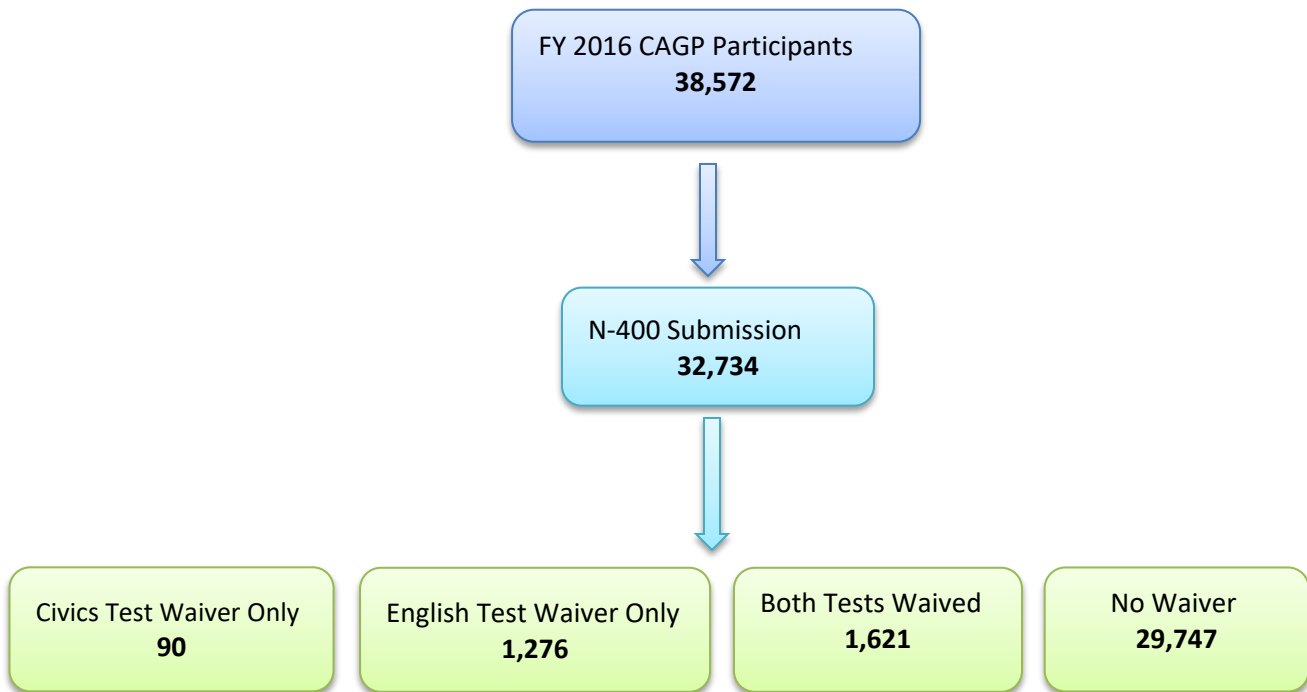
Note: Individuals with “unknown” or “missing” gender Information were not included in: **Figure 3 – Figure 10**

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

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CAGP Participant Services

Figure 11. FY2016 CAGP Participants Total- English and Civics Tests Waivers Received



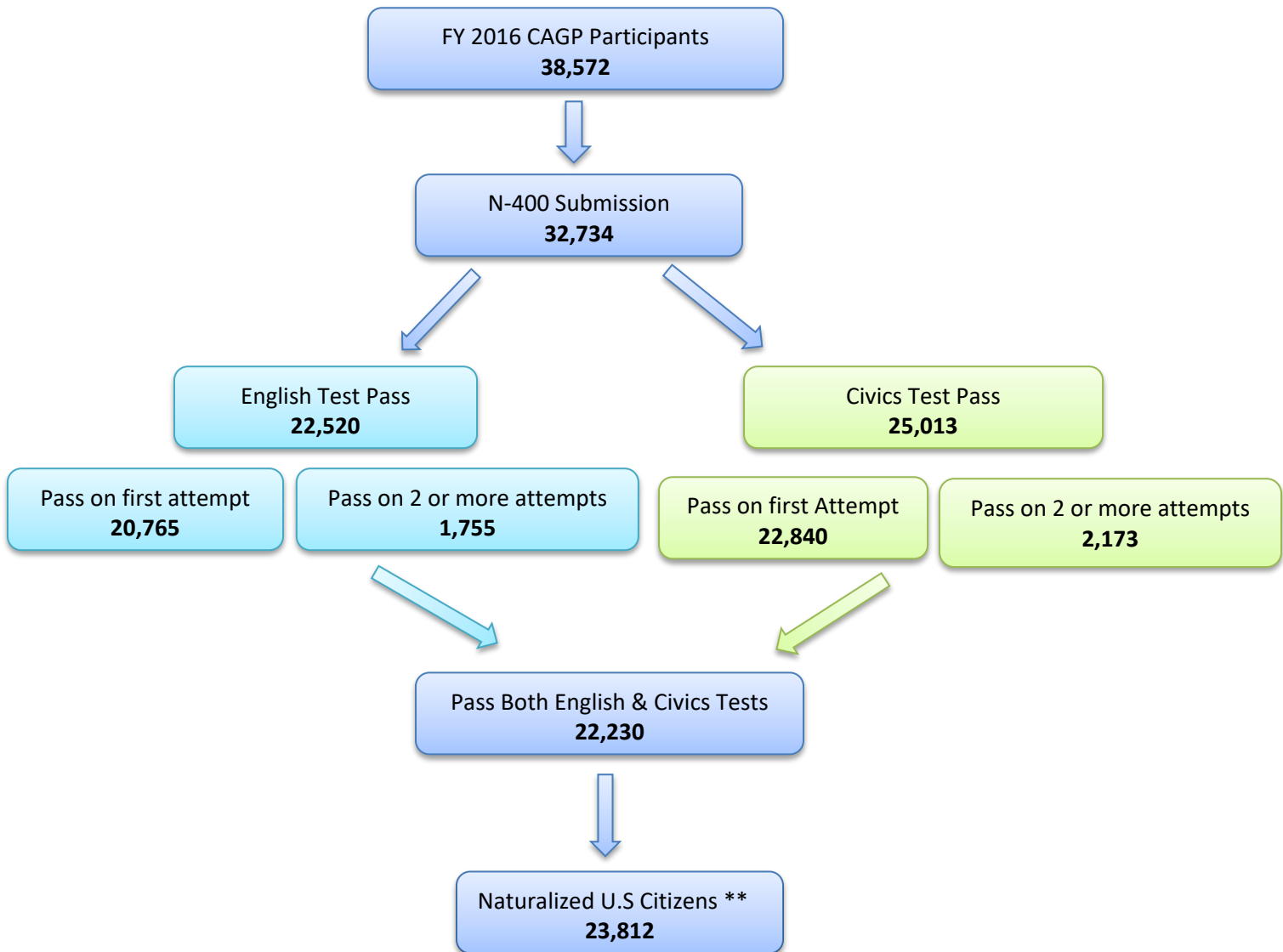
Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIM 4, and OIS LPR Data as of August 2020.

Ninety-one percent (29,747 of 32,734) of FY 2016 CAGP participants who submitted Form N-400, received no exemption from taking any portion of the naturalization test. Of FY 2016 CAGP participants, 90 participants were exempt from taking only the civics test, 1,621 participants were exempt from taking both tests, while another 1,276 participants were exempt from taking only the English test.

(See Figure 11)

CAGP Participants Outcome

Figure 12. FY2016 CAGP Participants Total –N 400 Information



Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIM 4, and OIS LPR Data as of August 2020.

**** Note:** The number of CAGP 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 85% (32,734 of 38,572) of FY2016 CAGP participants submitted Form N-400 based on USCIS data as of August 2020. Over 90% of CAGP participants who applied for naturalization passed either the English or the civics test on the first attempt. 62% of total CAGP participants (23,812 of 38,572) had become naturalized U.S Citizens as of August 2020.

Appendix I: CAGP Participants Summary Characteristics by Gender, FY 2016

	Median Age	Total and (% Percent) of Male	Total and (% Percent) of Female
Age			
18-24 Years	21	2,053 (14.4%)	3,204 (14.2%)
25-34 Years	30	3,927 (27.6%)	6,068 (26.9%)
35-44 Years	39	3,074 (21.6%)	5,058 (22.4%)
45-54 Years	49	1,934 (13.6%)	3,470 (15.4%)
55-64 Years	59	1,171 (8.2%)	1,797 (8.0%)
65 years and over	70	549 (3.9%)	702 (3.1%)
Marital Status			
Divorced	59	110 (0.8%)	813 (3.6%)
Married	37	8,539 (59.9%)	14,222 (62.9%)
Separated	40	41 (0.3%)	84 (0.4%)
Single	26	5,208 (36.5%)	6,341 (28.1%)
Unknown	36	105 (0.7%)	158 (0.7%)
Widowed	46	251 (1.8%)	978 (4.3%)
Birth Region			
Africa	32	1,469 (10.3%)	2,086 (9.2%)
Asia	36	4,783 (33.6%)	6,344 (28.1%)
Caribbean	36	1,289 (9.0%)	2,529 (11.2%)
Central America	36	1,357 (9.5%)	2,462 (10.9%)
Europe	45	479 (3.4%)	779 (3.4%)
North America	33	3,373 (23.7%)	5,454 (24.1%)
Oceania	45	23 (0.2%)	34 (0.2%)
South America	41	1,375 (9.6%)	2,746 (12.2%)
Unknown	48	106 (0.7%)	162 (0.7%)
Admission Class			
Employment Preferences	38	793 (5.6%)	1,004 (4.4%)
Family Preferences	36	2,403 (16.9%)	4,797 (21.2%)
Immediate Relatives of USC's	39	3,586 (25.2%)	8,204 (36.3%)
Other	35	2,513 (17.6%)	2,551 (11.3%)
Refugees and Asylees	37	4,959 (34.8%)	6,040 (26.7%)
Occupation			
Construction, extraction and maintenance occupations	36	496 (3.5%)	62 (0.3%)
Farming, fishing and forestry occupations	34	855 (6.0%)	259 (1.1%)
Homemaker	38	112 (0.8%)	4,635 (20.5%)
Management, professional and related occupations	41	834 (5.9%)	716 (3.2%)
Military occupations	28	2 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Other and no occupations	34	471 (3.3%)	1,863 (8.2%)
Production, transportation and material moving occupations	35	2,041 (14.3%)	1,094 (4.8%)
Retirees	67	138 (1.0%)	146 (0.6%)
Sales and office occupations	39	428 (3.0%)	698 (3.1%)
Service occupations	37	1,179 (8.3%)	1,597 (7.1%)
Students	24	1,780 (12.5%)	2,726 (12.1%)
Unemployed	43	992 (7.0%)	1,648 (7.3%)
Unknown occupations	38	4,926 (34.6%)	7,152 (31.7%)

Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIM 4, and OIS LPR Data as of August 2020.

Individuals with "unknown" or "missing" gender information were not included in **Appendix I**

Appendix II: CAGP Participants Summary Characteristics by Gender, FY 2016

	Median Age	Total Number and (% Percent) of Males	Total Number and (% Percent) of Females
Years in LPR Status			
3 Years or Less	36	123 (0.9%)	210 (0.9%)
4 Years	37	753 (5.3%)	1,018 (4.5%)
5 Years	38	1,435 (10.1%)	2,006 (8.9%)
6 Years	39	1,575 (11.0%)	2,518 (11.1%)
7 Years	39	1,205 (8.5%)	2,004 (8.9%)
8 Years	38	706 (5.0%)	1,329 (5.9%)
9 Years	38	494 (3.5%)	1,031 (4.6%)
10 to 19 Years	38	2,188 (15.4%)	4,221 (18.7%)
20 Years or More	33	1,556 (10.9%)	2,104 (9.3%)
# of Participants by Quarter			
Oct-Dec 2015	38	2,658 (18.6%)	4,142 (18.3%)
Jan-Mar 2016	38	3,164 (22.2%)	4,847 (21.5%)
Apr-Jun 2016	37	4,238 (29.7%)	6,657 (29.5%)
Jul-Sep 2016	37	4,194 (29.4%)	6,950 (30.8%)

Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIM 4, and OIS LPR Data as of August 2020.

Individuals with “unknown” or “missing” gender information were not included in **Appendix II**

Appendix III: CAGP Participants Summary Service and Outcome by Gender, FY 2016

	Median Age	Total Number and (% Percent) of Males	Total Number and (% Percent) of Females
Services Used			
Naturalization Application Services	36	7,243 (50.8%)	9,764 (43.2%)
Citizenship Instruction Services	37	3,019 (21.2%)	5,968 (26.4%)
Both Services Used	34	1,868 (13.1%)	3,759 (16.6%)
No Service Used	35	2,124 (14.9%)	3,105 (13.7%)
Fee Waiver			
Yes	35	4,477 (36.8%)	8,347 (42.3%)
No	36	7,683 (63.2%)	11,406 (57.7%)
Exam Waiver			
Civics Test	38	23 (0.2%)	62 (0.3%)
English Test	33	383 (3.3%)	723 (3.7%)
Both Tests Waived	36	587 (5.0%)	998 (5.1%)
No Waiver	35	10,667 (91.5%)	17,848 (90.9%)

Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIM 4, and OIS LPR Data as of August 2020.

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Appendix IV: Comparison of CAGP Participants Characteristics, FY2014-FY 2016

	FY2014 CAGP Percent of Total	FY2015 CAGP Percent of Total	FY2016 CAGP Percent of Total
Age			
18 to 24 years	7.9%	8.3%	13.7%
25 to 34 years	19.6%	19.5%	26.0%
35 to 44 years	24.1%	22.3%	21.1%
45 to 54 years	22.7%	21.9%	14.0%
55 to 64 years	15.7%	15.9%	7.7%
Over 65 years	10.1%	11.9%	17.5%
Gender			
Female	60.2%	60.3%	58.6%
Male	39.8%	39.6%	36.7%
Marital Status			
Married	64.2%	62.3%	59.1%
Single	29.0%	23.7%	30.0%
Divorced	3.4%	9.4%	2.4%
Widowed	2.7%	4.0%	3.2%
Other/Unknown	0.7%	0.6%	5.3%
Birth Region			
Asia	28.8%	33.1%	28.9%
North America	21.5%	19.4%	22.9%
South America	13.2%	12.4%	10.7%
Caribbean	11.8%	11.4%	9.9%
Africa	9.6%	10.3%	9.3%
Central America	9.3%	8.5%	9.9%
Europe/Oceania	5.7%	4.5%	8.4%
Top Country of Birth			
Mexico	21.3%	19.2%	23.0%
Iraq	8.6%	6.7%	4.6%
Dominican Republic	6.7%	5.3%	4.5%
El Salvador	4.0%	3.8%	4.5%
Colombia	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%
Others	55.18	56.7%	59.5%
Top U.S States Address			
CA	14.8%	14.6%	22.2%
NY	17.6%	14.0%	10.7%
TX	13.2%	8.3%	9.3%
FL	3.9%	7.2%	8.4%
IL	5.4%	6.1%	4.5%
Others	45.1%	49.8%	44.9%
Classes of Admission			
Employment preferences	5.6%	5.0%	4.7%
Family-sponsored preferences	19.4%	19.5%	18.7%
Immediate relatives of U.S. citizens	33.7%	31.4%	30.7%
Refugees and asylees	27.7%	30.3%	28.6%
Other (Diversity Visa, IRCA, parolees, etc.)	13.6%	13.8%	17.3%
Employment and Occupation			
Unemployed	20.3%	14.6%	6.9%
Homemaker	15.5%	9.4%	12.3%
Student	8.7%	5.0%	11.7%
Retired	3.8%	3.1%	0.7%
Construction, extraction, maintenance	14.8%	2.1%	1.5%
Service	14.3%	23.7%	7.2%
Sales and office	8.0%	4.9%	2.9%
Production, transportation	7.5%	5.3%	8.1%
Other/Unknown/Military/Farming/Management	7.1%	31.9%	48.7%

Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIM 4, and OIS LPR Data as of August 2020.

Appendix V: Comparison of CAGP Participants Service and Outcome, FY2014-FY 2016

	FY2014 CAGP Percent of Total	FY2015 CAGP Percent of Total	FY2016 CAGP Percent of Total
Services Used			
Naturalization Application Services	55.0%	52.2%	46.2%
Citizenship Instruction Services	28.0%	27.6%	24.4%
Both Services	17.0%	20.1%	15.3%
Fee Waiver			
Yes	N/A	52.7%	41.1%
No	N/A	47.3%	58.9%
Exam Waivers Received³			
Civics Test	2.0%	4.1%	< 1 %
English Test	11.0%	7.3%	3.9%
Both Tests Waived	2.0%	3.9%	4.9%
No Waivers Received	85.0%	84.7%	90.9%
Naturalization Information⁴			
Passed both (Civics and English) tests on first attempt	84.0%	88.9%	91.3%
Passed tests on second or later attempt	16.0%	11.1%	8.7%
Passed both tests	92.0%	93.4%	90.1%
CAGP participants who became naturalized U.S citizens within study period	67.0%	64.0%	61.7%

Source: USCIS, CLAIMS 3/CLAIM 4, and OIS LPR Data as of August 2020.

³ “Exam Waivers Received” refers to percentages of total CAGP participants.

⁴ For more information on naturalization:

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

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