

# Migrants to US from Muslim Countries 2.5 Times that from European Countries

The [issued 680,000 green cards](#) to migrants from Muslim countries, more than twice the approximately 270,000 green cards issued to migrants from European countries. Green cards entitle migrants to legal permanent residency in the country and work authorization, federal benefits, and the chance to apply for citizenship.

The numbers are illustrated in a chart below by the Senate Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest, obtained by The Daily Caller News Foundation. If laws are not changed, the U.S. is expected to issue another 680,000 green cards in the following five-year period.

Although Muslim-majority countries are not the biggest senders of migrants to the U.S., the population of migrants from that region is one of the fastest growing, alongside a relatively small European migrant population.

More Pakistani migrants (13,251) to the United States were awarded green cards in 2013 than migrants from the United Kingdom (12,984), [growing at a faster rate](#), reported the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS) in September based on an analysis of recent Census data. Immigration from Saudi Arabia is up 93 percent, from Bangladesh up 37 percent and from Iraq up 36 percent, reported CIS. On the other hand, immigration from countries like China, which is one of the top senders numerically, grew by 16 percent.