Immigration Fact Sheet

“Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each state; Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own and to return to his country.”

Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 13

2015 Global Migration Facts by the International Organization for Migration (IOM):
- There were 244 million international migrants worldwide
- The US was the most popular destination for international migrants globally, just ahead of Germany and Russia
- Over 5,400 migrants worldwide are estimated to have died or gone missing in 2015

US Immigration Statistics 2015:
- US Population: 324 million (US Census Bureau)
- Foreign-born Population: 46.6 million (IOM)
- Documented Immigrants: 13 million (NCSL)
- Undocumented Immigrants: 11 million (NCSL)
  - US civilian workforce included 8 million undocumented immigrants in 2014, accounting for 5% of those who were working or were unemployed and looking for work (Pew Research Center)
  - Six states accounted for 59% of undocumented immigrants in 2014: California, Texas, Florida, New York, New Jersey and Illinois (Pew Research Center)
  - As of 2014, about 66% of undocumented adults have been in the US for at least 10 years (Pew Research Center)
- Top Countries of Origin: Mexico, China, India, Philippines, Cuba (DHS)
- 51.2% of international migrants coming into the US were female (IOM)
- 341 migrants died at the US-Mexico border in 2015 (IOM)

Immigration into the US and Terrorism: (CATO Institute)
- Including those murdered in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 (9/11), the chance of an American perishing in a terrorist attack on U.S. soil that was committed by a foreigner from 1975-2015 is 1 in 3.6 million per year.
  - The annual chance of being murdered by somebody other than a foreign-born terrorist was 252.9 times greater than the chance of dying in a terrorist attack committed by a foreign-born terrorist.
- The chance of an American being murdered in a terrorist attack caused by a refugee is 1 in 3.64 billion per year while the chance of being murdered in an attack committed by an undocumented immigrant is an astronomical 1 in 10.9 billion per year.
- There were 154 foreign-born terrorists in the United States who killed 3,024 people in attacks from 1975 through the end of 2015, 98.6% of whom were killed on September 11, 2001. Ten of them were undocumented immigrants, 54 were lawful permanent residents, 19 were students, 1 entered on a K-1 fiancé(e) visa, 20 were refugees, 4 were asylum seekers, 34 were tourists on
various visas, and 3 were from Visa Waiver Program countries. The visas for 9 terrorists could not be determined.

President Trump’s Executive Orders Regarding Immigration:
“Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States,” signed January 27, 2017 – Imposes a 90-day suspension on entry to the US from citizens of Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen; suspends the US refugee program for at least 120 days and indefinitely for Syrian nationals; cuts the total number of refugees of any nationality who can be resettled under the program to 50,000 in fiscal year 2017. As of February 9, 2017, a US Federal Court of Appeals has upheld a federal court block of the travel ban. The Department of Justice may now decide to appeal to the US Supreme Court.

“Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements,” signed January 25, 2017 – Orders the immediate construction of a border wall with Mexico; allows hiring of additional Border Patrol Agents.

“Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States,” signed January 25, 2017 – Demands aggressive efforts to find and deport unauthorized immigrants, including withdrawing of federal funding to sanctuary cities. As of February 9, 2017, there are confirmed reports of ICE raids happening in Los Angeles County.