

11 MILLION UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANTS IN U.S. AS OF JANUARY 2006



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According to the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”), there were approximately 11 million unauthorized immigrants living in the United States as of January 2005 and the unauthorized immigrant community has been growing at an annual average of 408,000. These figures were published as part of a recently published report by the Department of Homeland Security’s Office of Immigration Statistics entitled “Estimates of the Unauthorized Immigrant Population Residing in the United States: January 2005”. This estimate is below other estimates which have estimated the unauthorized immigrant community to range between 12 and 20 million people.

Unauthorized Immigrants from Korea: According to the Department of Homeland security report, approximately 210,000 Koreans (or 2% of the total unauthorized immigrant community) were in the United States in an unauthorized status as of January 2005. This represents a 17% increase from year 2000.

Which countries do most unauthorized immigrants come from? According to the Department of Homeland Security report, the top five (5) countries (in terms of where the unauthorized immigrants are coming from) are as follows:

1. Mexico (5,900,000)
2. El Salvador (470,000)
3. Guatemala (370,000)
4. India (280,000)
5. China (230,000)
6. Korea (210,000)
7. Philippines (210,000)
8. Honduras (180,000)
9. Brazil (170,000)
10. Vietnam (160,000)

Which U.S. states have the highest numbers of unauthorized immigrants? The DHS report ranks the states with the highest numbers of unauthorized immigrants as follows:

1. California (2.8 million)
2. Texas (1.4 million)
3. Florida (850,000)

Which U.S. states had the greatest annual percentage increase in unauthorized immigrants? According to DHS, the states with the fastest percentage increase in unauthorized immigrants are as follows:

1. Georgia (118%)
2. Arizona (45%)
3. Nevada (41%)
4. North Carolina (38%)

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