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Source: CRS synthesis of INA §201.
new lawful permanent residents by category

top ten permanent resident-sending countries, FY 2010

South Korea: 22,227
Colombia: 22,406
Haiti: 22,582
Vietnam: 30,632
Cuba: 33,573
Dominican Republic: 53,870
Philippines: 58,173
India: 69,162
China, People's Republic: 70,863
Mexico: 139,120

Source: CRS presentation of FY2010 data from the DHS Office of Immigration Statistics.
STEM, Health Care Occupations Rely on High-skilled Foreign Workers

Note: Percent of workers age 25 and over, with bachelor's degree or higher who are foreign born for selected occupations.
Source: 2011 American Community Survey
immigrants approved and waiting in line

Source: U.S. Department of State, Immigrant Visa Applicants in the Family-Sponsored and Employment-Based Preferences Registered at the National Visa Center, November 1, 2012.
4.4 Million Approved Pending, November 1, 2012
temporary employment-based visas issued

Source: U.S. Department of State Bureau of Consular Affairs data.
new permanent residents: adjustments and new arrivals

employers enrolled in E-Verify and number of cases submitted

Source: CRS presentation of data from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.
Global Remittances:
Formal Remittances as a Share of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by Migrants' Origin Countries

Notes: *Not all countries in Oceania are displayed.
Remittances as a share of GDP: Samoa (27%) and Tonga (30%).
Map ©2011 by the Migration Policy Institute.

Formal Remittances as Percentage of 2009 GDP
- Red: 25% or more
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- Black: 20% to 24.9%
- Blue: 5% to 9.9%
- Light Yellow: Less than 5%
- Gray: Data unavailable