



Immigrant Rights are Human Rights

Immigration in Minnesota

The Minneapolis Foundation reports, "Over the past several decades, tens of thousands of immigrants have arrived in Minnesota. They have come from all over the world, and settled throughout the state. They've come for the same reason that attracted immigrants in the past: opportunity. And they experience the same difficulties of adjusting to life in a new country – language barriers, culture shock, a sense of loss, and isolation."

Minnesota's immigrant population is estimated at 355,055, approximately 6.5% of the state's population (in 1900, 29% were immigrants).

Did you know? The first record of Latino residents dates back to 1860.

When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

– Leviticus 19:33-34

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights...

– Declaration of Independence

**Call your members of Congress today –
Tell them to enact Comprehensive
Immigration Reform NOW!**

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Comprehensive Immigration Reform



***Give me your tired, your poor,
your huddled masses yearning to
breathe free...***

– Statue of Liberty Plaque, Emma Lazarus

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Comprehensive Immigration Reform is about preserving our nation's traditional values and its immigrant heritage.

The Interfaith Immigration Coalition (www.interfaithimmigration.org) is calling for Comprehensive Immigration Reform that includes:

- An opportunity for hard-working immigrants who are already contributing to this country to come out of the shadows, regularize their status upon satisfaction of reasonable criteria and, over time, pursue an option to become lawful permanent residents and eventually United States citizens.
- Reforms in our family-based immigration system to significantly reduce waiting times for separated families who currently wait some 5 to 20 years to be reunited.

- The creation of legal avenues for workers and their families who wish to migrate to the U.S. to enter our country and work in a safe, legal, and orderly manner with their rights fully protected.
- Border protection policies that are consistent with humanitarian values and with the need to treat all individuals with respect, while allowing the authorities to carry out the critical task of identifying and preventing entry of terrorists and dangerous criminals, as well as pursuing the legitimate task of implementing American immigration policy.