## Coming soon: More immigrants from Muslim nations than population of D.C. — 680,000

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The DHS number of 680,000 does not include temporary migrants who return home nor births or deaths.

The subcommittee said that "assuming no change in visa policy, the U.S. can expect to give green cards to another 680,000 more migrants from these countries over the next five years. A green card entitles recipients to access federal benefits, lifetime residency, work authorization, and a direct route to becoming a U.S. citizen."

That is a group bigger than Washington, D.C.'s population of 658,893.

And it could grow far more. The Census Bureau suggests that migration from the Middle East is fast growing.

Immigration is one of the most controversial topics in the nation due to Obama's policies on undocumented children and parents and lately his plan to settle up to 85,000 Syrian refugees. Several governors and the House have caused for a pause on the program due to concerns it will let terrorists pretending to be Syrians into the U.S.

Already, the foreign-born population in the United States is at a record 41.3 million.

Critics are considering limits to green cards and student visas,

"Without such changes, the Census Bureau projects that, for each coming year the total number of immigrants in the United States will increase, the annual rate of immigrant admissions will increase, and the foreign-born share of the population will increase," said the Alabama Republican's subcommittee release.

"Pew polling data shows that 83 percent of the public (across all parties) opposes this baseline and believes the level of immigration should either be frozen or reduced. By a nearly 10-1 margin, Americans of all backgrounds are united in their shared belief that companies with positions to fill should raise wages instead of bringing in new lower-wage labor from abroad. And yet, despite this, the Senate's Gang of Eight bill would have tripled the issuance of green cards over the next decade, and this year's I-Squared bill would substantially increase both low-wage guest worker admissions and green card allotments — all on top of the existing record-breaking and unprecedented growth in future immigration," it added.