

April 10, 2017

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
National Records Center, FOIA/PA Office  
P. O. Box 648010  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010

### FOIA REQUEST

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of the information listed below:

For 2013, # of applicants for lawful permanent residence based on being the same-sex spouse of a US citizen

- Numbers granted
- Numbers refused
- Gender
- Age
- Country of birth
- Country of last residence
- Occupation

For 2014, # of applicants for lawful permanent residence based on being the same-sex spouse of a US citizen

- Numbers granted
- Numbers refused
- Gender
- Age
- Country of birth
- Country of last residence
- Occupation

For 2015, # of applicants for lawful permanent residence based on being the same-sex spouse of a US citizen

- Numbers granted
- Numbers refused
- Gender
- Age
- Country of birth
- Country of last residence
- Occupation



For 2013, # of applicants for lawful permanent residence based on being the same-sex spouse of a US lawful permanent resident

- Numbers granted
- Numbers refused
- Gender
- Age
- Country of birth
- Country of last residence
- Occupation

For 2014, # of applicants for lawful permanent residence based on being the same-sex spouse of a US lawful permanent resident

- Numbers granted
- Numbers refused
- Gender
- Age
- Country of birth
- Country of last residence
- Occupation

For 2015, # of applicants for lawful permanent residence based on being the same-sex spouse of a US lawful permanent resident

- Numbers granted
- Numbers refused
- Gender
- Age
- Country of birth
- Country of last residence
- Occupation

For 2013, # of applicants for lawful permanent residence based on being the same-sex spouse of refugee

- Numbers granted
- Numbers refused
- Gender
- Age
- Country of birth
- Country of last residence
- Occupation

For 2014, # of applicants for lawful permanent residence based on being the same-sex spouse of refugee

- Numbers granted
- Numbers refused
- Gender

Age  
Country of birth  
Country of last residence  
Occupation

For 2015, # of applicants for lawful permanent residence based on being the same-sex spouse of refugee

Numbers granted  
Numbers refused  
Gender  
Age  
Country of birth  
Country of last residence  
Occupation

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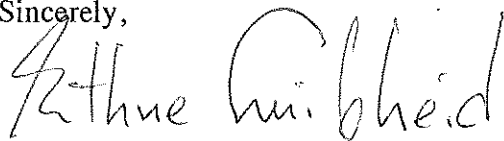
This information is not contained in the *Yearbook of Immigration Statistics* but is collected by USCIS.

I am making this request as a university researcher of immigration marriage policies. The request is of interest to the general public because USCIS began granting legal permanent residence based on same-sex marriages after the Windsor decision of June 2013, yet no information has been made publicly available about how many immigrants have sought entry on that basis, and how many have been admitted or denied; nor has information about the demographics of these applications been made publicly available, either. Information that I receive will be made available to the public in a timely manner through publicly available policy and research publications that circulate in print and online. Therefore, I request a fee waiver.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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Dear Eithne Luibheid:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request received in this office April 14, 2017 regarding Statistical data regarding LPR, refugee, and USC same-sex spouses FY2013-2015.

We have completed a search for records. No records responsive to your request were located. There is no method within our system to identify same sex couples without creating a record. FOIA does not allow for the creation of records.

You have the right to file an administrative appeal within 90 days of the date of this letter. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision. You may file an administrative FOIA appeal to USCIS at: USCIS FOIA/PA Appeals Office, 150 Space Center Loop, Suite 500, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-2139. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Jill Eggleston, for assistance at:

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Telephone: 1-800-375-5283  
E-Mail: [USCIS.FOIA@USCIS.DHS.GOV](mailto:USCIS.FOIA@USCIS.DHS.GOV)

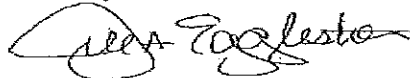
If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal Agencies. The OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. The contact information for OGIS is:

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The National Records Center does not process petitions, applications or any other type of benefit under the Immigration and Nationality Act. If you have questions or wish to submit documentation relating to a matter pending with the bureau, you must address these issues with your nearest District Office.

All FOIA/PA related requests, including address changes, must be submitted in writing and be signed by the requester. Please include the control number listed above on all correspondence with this office. Requests may be mailed to the FOIA/PA Officer at the PO Box listed at the top of the letterhead, or sent by fax to (816) 350-5785. You may also submit FOIA/PA related requests to our e-mail address at [uscis.foia@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:uscis.foia@uscis.dhs.gov).

Sincerely,



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