

H.R. 560, Northern Mariana Islands Residents Relief Act

Total estimated number of individuals eligible for CNMI Resident Status: 3,970¹

Group description	Population	Comments
1. Was born in the Northern Mariana Islands between January 1, 1974, and January 9, 1978.	5 ²	Also known as "stateless"
2. Was, on November 27, 2009, a permanent resident of the Commonwealth (as defined in section 4303 of title 3 of the Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Code, in effect on May 8, 2008).	30 ²	The specific count for Groups 2 and 3 is unavailable. The number eligible under these categories may be less than stated as the data included individuals not covered by the bill.
3. Is the spouse or child (as defined in section 101(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(b)(1))) of an alien described in Group 1 or 2.		
4. Was, on November 27, 2011, a spouse, child, or parent of a United States citizen, notwithstanding the age of the United States citizen, and continues to have such family relationship with the citizen on the date of the application described in subparagraph (A).	954 ²	79 Spouses 875 Parents of U.S. citizens ³
5. Had a grant of parole under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)) on December 31, 2018, under the former parole program for certain in-home caregivers administered by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.	50 ²	Individuals employed by critical medical or special needs individuals.
6. Was admitted to the Commonwealth as a Commonwealth Only Transitional Worker during fiscal year 2015, and during every subsequent fiscal year beginning before the date of the enactment of the Northern Mariana Islands U.S. Workforce Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-218).	2,875 ⁴	Individuals who have held CW-1 status beginning FY 2015 through FY 2018.
7. Resided in the Northern Mariana Islands as an investor under Commonwealth immigration law, and is presently resident under E-2 CNMI Investor Status (E2C).	56 ⁴	The window to petition for E-2C status closed January 18, 2013. USCIS only accepts extensions of status petitions.
All groups	3,970	

¹ U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Government Accountability Office.

² U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, December 14, 2018.

³ Includes 58 Parents of U.S. citizens 21 years or older; 817 Parents of U.S. citizens under 21 years-old.

⁴ U.S. Government Accountability Office.