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Immigration in this region jumped in the 1990's after a series of visa programs aimed at countries "adversely affected" by the stricter **immigration** controls enacted in 1965. As these new immigrants use familial ties to sponsor people, legal **immigration** should continue to rise, experts predict. The latest **immigration** sweepstakes is the Diversity Immigrant Visa Lottery. It will make 55,000 permanent resident visas available annually to people from countries with low rates of **immigration** to the U.S. such as Japan and most of Western Europe. As a nation's rate rises or falls, it can be removed from or added to the list of eligible countries. New York City planners expect more people from eastern Europe and Africa as a result of the new program. The mail-in period for the first "DV-1" visas is June 1 to June 30.

Graphic

Chart: "**Immigration**" shows the 1995 Diversity Immigrant Visa Lottery and number of immigrants to the metropolitan area from 1986 to 1992. (Source: **Immigration** and Naturalization Service, State Department, N.Y.C. Department of City Planning)

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