

Table II
Classes of Immigrants Issued Visas at Foreign Service Posts
Fiscal Years 2007 - 2011

Class of Immigrant	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Grand Total	434,411	470,099	468,770	482,052	476,249
Family-Sponsored Preference Total	151,128	169,896	176,273	200,567	192,891
<i>First Preference</i>					
Unmarried son or daughter of US citizen and children	17,128	20,057	18,969	25,740	20,709
<i>Second Preference Exempt from Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	14,602	25,798	29,588	32,423	48,150
<i>Second Preference Subject to Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	18,078	19,002	24,687	20,169	24,238
Unmarried son or daughter of alien resident, and children	19,349	16,639	23,157	31,706	22,739
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	18,502	26,540	22,049	31,740	20,598
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Brother or sister of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	63,469	61,860	57,823	58,789	56,457
Employment-Based Preference Total	19,722	13,472	13,846	12,701	15,099
<i>First Preference</i>					
Priority worker, spouse and children	2,749	1,549	1,524	1,971	1,612
<i>Second Preference</i>					
Professional holding advanced degree or alien of exceptional ability, spouse and children	1,216	1,257	1,270	1,498	1,686
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Skilled worker or professional, spouse and children	12,919	7,245	5,714	5,644	5,560
Other worker spouse and children	755	886	649	697	2,002
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Minister of religion spouse and children	332	179	172	285	248
Certain employees or former employees of the U.S. Government abroad, spouse and children	1,051	1,126	1,043	1,144	906
Certain former Panama Canal Company employees or Canal Zone Government spouse and children	0	0	0	0	0
Certain former U.S. Government employees in the canal Zone, Spouse and children	1	0	0	2	0
Certain former Panama Canal Company employees or Canal Zone Government on April 1, 1979, spouse and children	0	0	0	0	0
Certain retired international organization employees and spouse unmarried sons or daughters of int'l org. employees, surviving spouses of deceased int'l org. employees	2	5	8	7	4
Certain religious workers, spouse and children	189	115	242	199	149
Special Immigrant Broadcaster spouse and children	37	11	2	115	53
<i>Fifth Preference</i>					
Employment created outside targeted area, spouse and children	26	48	77	105	103
Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area, spouse and children	323	113	96	98	81
Investor pilot program not in targeted area, spouse and children	0	0	0	1	1
Investor pilot program in targeted area, spouse and children	122	938	3,049	935	2,694
Alien recruited outside the U.S. who has served or is enlisted to serve in the U.S. Armed forces for 12 years, spouse and children	2	1	1	0	0
Immediate Relative Total	219,323	238,848	227,517	215,947	216,856

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Spouse of U.S. citizen	34,858	45,967	40,350	45,186	42,864
Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional)	27,093	29,560	35,489	34,690	38,301
Child of U.S. citizen	46,494	53,338	49,825	46,413	45,180
Child of U.S. citizen (conditional)	6,040	6,183	6,738	6,112	6,943
Orphan adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	13,788	11,573	7,434	4,961	4,946
Child adopted abroad by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	-	9	546	1,950	2,320
Orphan to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen	5,825	5,871	4,584	3,795	1,619
Child to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	-	0	164	341	413
Parent of U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age	85,036	86,189	82,248	72,289	73,946
Certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	126	109	93	143	240
Children of certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	63	49	46	67	84
Special Immigrant Total	1,648	2,559	4,324	3,043	1,861
Returning Resident	660	752	797	886	1,027
Iraqi and Afghan translators, spouse and children	988	1,807	3,527	2,157	832
Certain Family Members of U1 Nonimmigrants	-	-	-	-	2
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	69	77	48	23	35
DV Diversity Immigrants	38,762	45,246	46,761	49,771	49,507
Schedule A Worker	3,757	0	0	0	0