

Table II
Classes of Immigrants Issued Visas at Foreign Service Posts
Fiscal Years 2011- 2015

Class of Immigrant	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Grand Total	476,249	482,300	473,115	467,370	531,463
Family-Sponsored Preference Total	192,891	189,128	189,020	197,760	208,840
<i>First Preference</i>					
Unmarried son or daughter of US citizen and children	20,709	19,577	22,863	21,511	22,346
<i>Second Preference Exempt from Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	48,150	47,980	49,495	53,292	58,583
<i>Second Preference Subject to Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	24,238	23,277	20,574	26,749	21,614
Unmarried son or daughter of alien resident, and children	22,739	20,097	20,549	15,137	22,726
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	20,598	19,962	22,090	21,931	23,455
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Brother or sister of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	56,457	58,235	53,449	59,140	60,116
Employment-Based Preference Total	15,099	19,137	21,144	21,365	21,613
<i>First Preference</i>					
Priority worker, spouse and children	1,612	1,534	1,722	1,680	1,891
<i>Second Preference</i>					
Professional holding advanced degree or alien of exceptional ability, spouse and children	1,686	1,398	2,284	1,880	1,856
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Skilled worker or professional, spouse and children	5,560	6,290	6,903	6,246	6,226
Other worker spouse and children	2,002	2,020	1,634	842	1,114
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Minister of religion spouse and children	248	182	250	236	181
Certain employees or former employees of the U.S. Government abroad, spouse and children	906	871	928	1,138	1,511
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	0	0	0	0	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	4	13	5	7	5
Certain juvenile court dependents	0	0	0	0	1
Certain religious workers, spouse and children	149	138	71	61	39
Special Immigrant Broadcaster spouse and children	53	13	35	47	16
<i>Fifth Preference</i>					
Employment created outside targeted area, spouse and children	103	77	104	59	24
Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area, spouse and children	81	87	69	39	48
Investor pilot program not in targeted area, spouse and children	1	3	4	0	9
Investor pilot program in targeted area, spouse and children	2,694	6,511	7,135	9,130	8,692

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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	0	0	0	0	0
Immediate Relative Total	216,856	235,616	205,435	185,130	243,432
Spouse of U.S. citizen	42,864	45,409	39,178	45,776	67,724
Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional)	38,301	43,360	40,550	29,913	40,061
Child of U.S. citizen	45,180	46,298	40,581	33,943	41,418
Child of U.S. citizen (conditional)	6,943	7,415	6,838	4,379	5,232
Orphan adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	4,946	3,925	2,843	2,572	1,584
Child adopted abroad by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	2,320	2,966	2,999	2,847	3,250
Orphan to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen	1,619	1,506	1,011	742	601
Child to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	413	270	255	247	229
Parent of U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age	73,946	84,045	70,835	64,341	82,926
Certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	240	303	251	268	309
Children of certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	84	119	94	102	98
Special Immigrant Total	1,861	5,219	6,424	12,084	9,468
Returning Resident	1,027	1,005	1,172	1,177	1,348
Iraqi and Afghan translators, spouse and children	124	146	112	175	189
Certain Iraqis or Afghans employed by or on behalf of the U.S. Government, spouse, and children	708	4,029	5,102	10,678	7,908
Certain Family Members of U1 Nonimmigrants	2	39	38	54	23
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	35	75	12	13	13
DV Diversity Immigrants	49,507	33,125	51,080	51,018	48,097