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**Fiscal Years 2015-2019**

<b>Class of Immigrant</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>531,463</b>	<b>617,752</b>	<b>559,536</b>	<b>533,557</b>	<b>462,422</b>
<b>Family-Sponsored Preference Total</b>	<b>208,840</b>	<b>215,498</b>	<b>212,155</b>	<b>211,641</b>	<b>190,938</b>
<i>First Preference</i>					
Unmarried son or daughter of U.S. citizen and children	22,346	21,800	22,807	25,156	20,858
<i>Second Preference Exempt from Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	58,583	64,424	61,883	59,449	55,210
<i>Second Preference Subject to Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	21,614	22,378	21,197	21,770	8,680
Unmarried son or daughter of alien resident, and children	22,726	22,938	23,819	26,117	22,346
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	23,455	22,590	20,716	19,457	23,074
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Brother or sister of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	60,116	61,368	61,733	59,692	60,770
<b>Employment-Based Preference Total</b>	<b>21,613</b>	<b>25,056</b>	<b>23,814</b>	<b>27,345</b>	<b>28,538</b>
<i>First Preference</i>					
Priority worker, spouse and children	1,891	2,361	2,529	3,854	2,223
<i>Second Preference</i>					
Professional holding advanced degree or alien of exceptional ability, spouse and children	1,856	2,155	3,223	3,119	3,497
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Skilled worker or professional, spouse and children	6,226	7,961	6,964	9,557	11,345
Other worker, spouse and children	1,114	2,340	929	1,190	1,683
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Minister of religion, spouse and children	181	108	203	269	141
Certain employees or former employees of the U.S. Government abroad, spouse and children	1,511	1,529	1,460	1,439	1,667
Certain former employees of the Panama Canal Company 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 employees of the Panama Canal Company 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	5	8	9	6	6
Certain juvenile court dependents	1	0	0	0	0
Certain religious workers, spouse and children	39	66	78	78	57
Special Immigrant Broadcaster, spouse and children	16	23	5	26	30
<i>Fifth Preference</i>					
Employment creation outside targeted area, spouse and children	24	103	136	96	52
Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area, spouse and children	48	350	267	219	178
Investor pilot program not in targeted area, spouse and children	9	9	11	24	7
Investor pilot program in targeted area, spouse and children	8,692	8,043	8,000	7,468	7,652

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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
<b>Immediate Relative Total</b>	<b>243,432</b>	<b>315,352</b>	<b>254,430</b>	<b>236,526</b>	<b>186,584</b>
Spouse of U.S. citizen	67,724	81,486	70,809	71,003	58,984
Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional)	40,061	51,979	41,822	37,955	24,570
Child of U.S. citizen	41,418	59,885	44,748	38,393	32,283
Child of U.S. citizen (conditional)	5,232	7,496	6,579	6,280	3,876
Orphan adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	1,584	1,292	1,391	1,088	841
Child adopted abroad by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	3,250	3,135	2,882	2,613	1,848
Orphan to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen	601	566	277	177	151
Child to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	229	208	159	172	144
Parent of U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age	82,926	108,788	85,280	78,362	63,442
Certain widow(er)s and children of certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	407	517	483	483	445
<b>Special Immigrant Total</b>	<b>9,468</b>	<b>16,176</b>	<b>20,034</b>	<b>9,375</b>	<b>11,384</b>
Returning Resident	1,348	1,533	1,391	1,276	1,171
Iraqi and Afghan translators, spouse and children	189	219	222	196	77
Certain Iraqis or Afghans employed by or on behalf of the U.S. Government, spouse, and children	7,908	14,366	18,349	7,798	10,035
Certain Family Members of U1 Nonimmigrants	23	58	72	105	101
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	13	6	36	92	96
DV Diversity Immigrants	48,097	45,664	49,067	48,578	44,882