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|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Grand Total</b>  | <b>379,402</b> | <b>402,247</b> | <b>449,103</b> | <b>434,411</b> | <b>470,099</b> |
| <b>Family-Sponsored Preference Total</b>  | <b>152,454</b> | <b>146,279</b> | <b>139,753</b> | <b>151,128</b> | <b>169,896</b> |
| <i>First Preference</i>   |                |                |                |                |                |
| Unmarried son or daughter of US citizen and children  | 18,991         | 18,809         | 15,909         | 17,128         | 20,057         |
| <i>Second Preference Exempt from Country Limitations</i>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Spouse or child of alien resident, and children   | 17,160         | 16,770         | 14,987         | 14,602         | 25,798         |
| <i>Second Preference Subject to Country Limitations</i>   |                |                |                |                |                |
| Spouse or child of alien resident, and children   | 7,877          | 9,540          | 13,109         | 18,078         | 19,002         |
| Unmarried son or daughter of alien resident, and children   | 22,268         | 20,472         | 19,435         | 19,349         | 16,639         |
| <i>Third Preference</i>   |                |                |                |                |                |
| Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen, spouse and children  | 23,493         | 19,037         | 17,570         | 18,502         | 26,540         |
| <i>Fourth Preference</i>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Brother or sister of U.S. citizen, spouse and children  | 62,665         | 61,651         | 58,743         | 63,469         | 61,860         |
| <b>Employment-Based Preference Total</b>  | <b>28,656</b>  | <b>21,290</b>  | <b>15,744</b>  | <b>19,722</b>  | <b>13,472</b>  |
| <i>First Preference</i>   |                |                |                |                |                |
| Priority worker, spouse and children  | 4,151          | 4,671          | 4,971          | 2,749          | 1,549          |
| <i>Second Preference</i>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Professional holding advanced degree or alien of exceptional ability, spouse and children   | 1,402          | 1,478          | 931            | 1,216          | 1,257          |
| <i>Third Preference</i>   |                |                |                |                |                |
| Skilled worker or professional, spouse and children   | 20,357         | 12,693         | 7,025          | 12,919         | 7,245          |
| Other worker spouse and children  | 1,308          | 975            | 613            | 755            | 886            |
| <i>Fourth Preference</i>  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Minister of religion spouse and children  | 385            | 238            | 433            | 332            | 179            |
| Certain employees or former employees of the U.S. Government abroad, spouse and children  | 781            | 818            | 913            | 1,051          | 1,126          |
| 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   | 2              | 2              | 0              | 1              | 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 | 18             | 6              | 9              | 2              | 5              |
| Certain religious workers, spouse and children  | 161            | 251            | 309            | 189            | 115            |
| Special Immigrant Broadcaster spouse and children   | 32             | 0              | 38             | 37             | 11             |
| <i>Fifth Preference</i>   |                |                |                |                |                |
| Employment created outside targeted area, spouse and children   | 31             | 29             | 46             | 26             | 48             |
| Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area, spouse and children   | 28             | 128            | 388            | 323            | 113            |
| Investor pilot program not in targeted area, spouse and children  | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| Investor pilot program in targeted area, spouse and children  | 0              | 1              | 68             | 122            | 938            |
| 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                                      | 7              | 4              | 0              | 2              | 1              |
| <b>Immediate Relative Total</b>   | <b>151,724</b> | <b>180,432</b> | <b>224,187</b> | <b>219,323</b> | <b>238,848</b> |

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|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Spouse of U.S. citizen  | 21,559      | 25,407      | 32,661      | 34,858       | 45,967       |
| Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional)                                      | 21,994      | 27,359      | 31,591      | 27,093       | 29,560       |
| Child of U.S. citizen   | 31,543      | 39,127      | 49,475      | 46,494       | 53,338       |
| Child of U.S. citizen (conditional)                                       | 3,825       | 5,064       | 6,505       | 6,040        | 6,183        |
| Orphan adopted abroad by U.S. citizen                                     | 17,047      | 16,559      | 14,590      | 13,788       | 11,573       |
| Child adopted abroad by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention               | -           | -           | -           | -            | 9            |
| Orphan to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen                              | 5,837       | 6,180       | 6,089       | 5,825        | 5,871        |
| Child to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention        | -           | -           | -           | -            | 0            |
| Parent of U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age                           | 49,797      | 60,566      | 83,133      | 85,036       | 86,189       |
| Certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens                                       | 88          | 104         | 102         | 126          | 109          |
| Children of certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens                           | 34          | 66          | 41          | 63           | 49           |
| <b>Special Immigrant Total</b>  | <b>675</b>  | <b>782</b>  | <b>766</b>  | <b>1,648</b> | <b>2,559</b> |
| Returning Resident  | 675         | 782         | 766         | 660          | 752          |
| Iraqi and Afghan translators, spouse and children ( <b>new IV class</b> ) | -           | -           | -           | 988          | 1,807        |
| Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants  | 37          | 119         | 96          | 69           | 77           |
| DV Diversity Immigrants   | 45,849      | 46,099      | 44,349      | 38,762       | 45,246       |
| Schedule A Worker   | 0           | 7,242       | 24,208      | 3,757        | 0            |