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IMMIGRANT NUMBERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

## A. STATUTORY NUMBERS FOR PREFERENCE IMMIGRANT VISAS

This bulletin summarizes the availability of immigrant numbers during September for "Final Action Dates" and "Dates for Filing Applications," indicating when immigrant visa applicants should be notified to assemble and submit required documentation to the National Visa Center.

Unless otherwise indicated on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) website at [www.uscis.gov/visabulletininfo](http://www.uscis.gov/visabulletininfo), individuals seeking to file applications for adjustment of status with USCIS must use the "Final Action Dates" charts below for determining when they can file such applications. When USCIS determines that there are more immigrant visas available for the fiscal year than there are known applicants for such visas, USCIS will state on its website that applicants may instead use the "Dates for Filing Visa Applications" charts in this Bulletin.

1. Procedures for determining dates. Consular officers are required to report to the Department of State documentarily qualified applicants for numerically limited visas; USCIS reports applicants for adjustment of status. Allocations in the charts below were made, to the extent possible, in chronological order of reported priority dates, for demand received by August 2<sup>nd</sup>. If all reported demand could not be satisfied, the category or foreign state in which demand was excessive was deemed oversubscribed. The final action date for an oversubscribed category is the priority date of the first applicant who could not be reached within the numerical limits. If it becomes necessary during the monthly allocation process to retrogress a final action date, supplemental requests for numbers will be honored only if the priority date falls within the new final action date announced in this bulletin. If at any time an annual limit were reached, it would be necessary to immediately make the preference category "unavailable", and no further requests for numbers would be honored.

2. The fiscal year 2024 limit for family-sponsored preference immigrants determined in accordance with Section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) is 226,000. The fiscal year 2024 limit for employment-based preference immigrants calculated under INA 201 is 160,791. Section 202 prescribes that the per-country limit for preference immigrants is set at 7% of the total annual family-sponsored and employment-based preference limits, i.e., 27,075 for FY-2024. The dependent area limit is set at 2%, or 7,736.

3. INA Section 203(e) provides that family-sponsored and employment-based preference visas be issued to eligible immigrants in the order in which a petition on behalf of each has been filed. Section 203(d) provides that spouses and children of preference immigrants are entitled to the same status, and the same order of consideration, if accompanying or following to join the principal. The visa prorating provisions of Section 202(e) apply to allocations for a foreign state or dependent area when visa issuances will exceed the per-country limit. These provisions apply at present to the following oversubscribed chargeability areas: CHINA-mainland born, INDIA, MEXICO, and PHILIPPINES.

4. Section 203(a) of the INA prescribes preference classes for allotment of Family-sponsored immigrant visas as follows:

**FAMILY-SPONSORED PREFERENCES**

**First:** (F1) Unmarried Sons and Daughters of U.S. Citizens: 23,400 plus any numbers not required for fourth preference.

**Second:** Spouses and Children, and Unmarried Sons and Daughters of Permanent Residents: 114,200, plus the number (if any) by which the worldwide family preference level exceeds 226,000, plus any unused first preference numbers:

A. (F2A) Spouses and Children of Permanent Residents: 77% of the overall second preference limitation, of which 75% are exempt from the per-country limit.

B. (F2B) Unmarried Sons and Daughters (21 years of age or older) of Permanent Residents: 23% of the overall second preference limitation.

**Third:** (F3) Married Sons and Daughters of U.S. Citizens: 23,400, plus any numbers not required by first and second preferences.

**Fourth:** (F4) Brothers and Sisters of Adult U.S. Citizens: 65,000, plus any numbers not required by first three preferences.

**A. FINAL ACTION DATES FOR FAMILY-SPONSORED PREFERENCE CASES**

On the chart below, the listing of a date for any class indicates that the class is oversubscribed (see paragraph 1); "C" means current, i.e., numbers are authorized for issuance to all qualified applicants; and "U" means unauthorized, i.e., numbers are not authorized for issuance. (NOTE: Numbers are authorized for issuance only for applicants whose priority date is **earlier** than the final action date listed below.)

<b><u>Family-Sponsored</u></b>	All Charge-ability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA-mainland born	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
F1	22OCT15	22OCT15	22OCT15	08MAY02	01MAR12
F2A	15NOV21	15NOV21	15NOV21	01FEB21	15NOV21
F2B	01MAY16	01MAY16	01MAY16	15JUL04	22OCT11
F3	01APR10	01APR10	01APR10	01MAR00	08SEP02
F4	01AUG07	01AUG07	22JAN06	08FEB01	01FEB04

For September, F2A numbers EXEMPT from per-country limit are authorized for issuance to applicants from all countries with priority dates earlier than 01FEB21. F2A numbers SUBJECT to per-country limit are authorized for issuance to applicants chargeable to all countries EXCEPT MEXICO, with priority dates beginning 01FEB21 and earlier than 15NOV21. All F2A numbers provided for MEXICO are exempt from the per-country limit.

**B. DATES FOR FILING FAMILY-SPONSORED VISA APPLICATIONS**

The chart below reflects dates for filing visa applications within a timeframe justifying immediate action in the application process. Applicants for immigrant visas who have a priority date earlier than the application date in the chart below may assemble and submit required documents to the Department of State’s National Visa Center, following receipt of notification from the National Visa Center containing detailed instructions. The application date for an oversubscribed category is the priority date of the first applicant who cannot submit documentation to the National Visa Center for an immigrant visa. If a category is designated “current,” all applicants in the relevant category may file applications, regardless of priority date.

A “C” listing indicates that the category is current, and that applications may be filed regardless of the applicant’s priority date. The listing of a date for any category indicates that only applicants with a priority date which is **earlier** than the listed date may file their application.

Visit [www.uscis.gov/visabulletininfo](http://www.uscis.gov/visabulletininfo) for information on whether USCIS has determined that this chart can be used (in lieu of the chart in paragraph 4.A.) this month for filing applications for adjustment of status with USCIS.

<b>Family-Sponsored</b>	<b>All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed</b>	<b>CHINA-mainland born</b>	<b>INDIA</b>	<b>MEXICO</b>	<b>PHILIPPINES</b>
F1	01SEP17	01SEP17	01SEP17	01APR05	22APR15
F2A	15JUN24	15JUN24	15JUN24	15JUN24	15JUN24
F2B	01JAN17	01JAN17	01JAN17	01MAY05	01OCT13
F3	01JAN11	01JAN11	01JAN11	15JUN01	08NOV03
F4	01MAR08	01MAR08	15JUN06	30APR01	01APR06

5. Section 203(b) of the INA prescribes preference classes for allotment of Employment-based immigrant visas as follows:

**EMPLOYMENT-BASED PREFERENCES**

**First:** Priority Workers: 28.6% of the worldwide employment-based preference level, plus any numbers not required for fourth and fifth preferences.

**Second:** Members of the Professions Holding Advanced Degrees or Persons of Exceptional Ability: 28.6% of the worldwide employment-based preference level, plus any numbers not required by first preference.

**Third:** Skilled Workers, Professionals, and Other Workers: 28.6% of the worldwide level, plus any numbers not required by first and second preferences, of which not more than 10,000 may be provided to “\*Other Workers”.

**Fourth:** Certain Special Immigrants: 7.1% of the worldwide level.

**Fifth:** Employment Creation: 7.1% of the worldwide level, of which 32% are reserved as follows: 20% reserved for qualified immigrants who invest in a rural area; 10% reserved for qualified immigrants who invest in a high unemployment area; and 2% reserved for qualified immigrants who invest in infrastructure projects. The remaining 68% are unreserved and are allotted for all other qualified immigrants.

**A. FINAL ACTION DATES FOR EMPLOYMENT-BASED PREFERENCE CASES**

On the chart below, the listing of a date for any class indicates that the class is oversubscribed (see paragraph 1); "C" means current, i.e., numbers are authorized for issuance to all qualified applicants; and "U" means unauthorized, i.e., numbers are not authorized for issuance. (NOTE: Numbers are authorized for issuance only for applicants whose priority date is **earlier** than the final action date listed below.)

<u>Employment- Based</u>	All Charge- ability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA- mainland born	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
1st	C	01NOV22	01FEB22	C	C
2nd	15MAR23	01MAR20	15JUL12	15MAR23	15MAR23
3rd	01DEC20	01SEP20	22OCT12	01DEC20	01DEC20
Other Workers	01DEC20	01JAN17	22OCT12	01DEC20	01MAY20
4th	01JAN21	01JAN21	01JAN21	01JAN21	01JAN21
Certain Religious Workers	01JAN21	01JAN21	01JAN21	01JAN21	01JAN21
5th Unreserved (including C5, T5, I5, R5)	C	15DEC15	01DEC20	C	C
5th Set Asides:					
Rural (20%)	C	C	C	C	C
High Unemployment (10%)	C	C	C	C	C
Infra- structure (2%)	C	C	C	C	C

\*Employment Third Preference Other Workers Category: Section 203(e) of the Nicaraguan and Central American Relief Act (NACARA) passed by Congress in November 1997, as amended by Section 1(e) of Pub. L. 105-139, provides that once the Employment Third Preference Other Worker (EW) cut-off date has reached the priority date of the latest EW petition approved prior to November 19, 1997, the 10,000 EW numbers available for a fiscal year are to be reduced by up to 5,000 annually beginning in the following fiscal year. This reduction is to be made for as long as necessary to offset adjustments under the NACARA program. Since the EW final action date reached November 19, 1997 during Fiscal Year 2001, the reduction in the EW annual limit to 5,000 began in Fiscal Year 2002. For Fiscal Year 2024 this reduction will be limited to 157.

**B. DATES FOR FILING OF EMPLOYMENT-BASED VISA APPLICATIONS**

The chart below reflects dates for filing visa applications within a timeframe justifying immediate action in the application process. Applicants for immigrant visas who have a priority date earlier than the application date in the chart may assemble and submit required documents to the Department of State’s National Visa Center, following receipt of notification from the National Visa Center containing detailed instructions. The application date for an oversubscribed category is the priority date of the first applicant who cannot submit documentation to the National Visa Center for an immigrant visa. If a category is designated “current,” all applicants in the relevant category may file, regardless of priority date.

The “C” listing indicates that the category is current, and that applications may be filed regardless of the applicant’s priority date. The listing of a date for any category indicates that only applicants with a priority date which is **earlier** than the listed date may file their application.

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<b>Employment- Based</b>	<b>All Charge-ability Areas Except Those Listed</b>	<b>CHINA - mainland born</b>	<b>INDIA</b>	<b>MEXICO</b>	<b>PHILIPPINES</b>
1st	C	01JAN23	08FEB22	C	C
2nd	22MAR23	01JUN20	22JUL12	22MAR23	22MAR23
3rd	01FEB23	01JUL21	01NOV12	01FEB23	01JAN23
Other Workers	08JAN21	01JUN17	01NOV12	08JAN21	15MAY20
4th	01FEB21	01FEB21	01FEB21	01FEB21	01FEB21
Certain Religious Workers	01FEB21	01FEB21	01FEB21	01FEB21	01FEB21
5 <sup>th</sup> Unreserved (including C5, T5, I5, and R5)	C	01JAN17	01APR22	C	C

(Chart B. DATES FOR FILING OF EMPLOYMENT-BASED VISA APPLICATIONS, continued)

<b>Employment- Based</b>	<b>All Charge-ability Areas Except Those Listed</b>	<b>CHINA - mainland born</b>	<b>INDIA</b>	<b>MEXICO</b>	<b>PHILIPPINES</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Set Aside: (Rural – 20%)	C	C	C	C	C
5 <sup>th</sup> Set Aside: (High Unemployment – 10%)	C	C	C	C	C
5 <sup>th</sup> Set Aside: (Infrastructure – 2%)	C	C	C	C	C

B. DIVERSITY IMMIGRANT (DV) CATEGORY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Section 203(c) of the INA provides up to 55,000 immigrant visas each fiscal year to permit additional immigration opportunities for persons from countries with low admissions during the previous five years. The NACARA stipulates that beginning with DV-99, and for as long as necessary, up to 5,000 of the 55,000 annually allocated diversity visas will be made available for use under the NACARA program. Visa numbers made available to NACARA applicants in FY 2023 will result in reduction of the DV-2024 annual limit to 54,843. Section 5104 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024 amended the NACARA’s provisions on the Diversity Visa program such that the number of visas made available under the NDAA will be deducted from the 55,000 DVs annually allocated. These amendments will not impact the number of diversity visas available until FY 2025. DVs are divided among six geographic regions. No one country can receive more than seven percent of the available diversity visas in any one year.

For September, immigrant numbers in the DV category are available to qualified DV2024 applicants chargeable to all regions/eligible countries as follows. When an allocation cut-off number is shown, visas are available only for applicants with DV regional lottery rank numbers BELOW the specified allocation cut-off number:

Region	All DV Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed Separately		
AFRICA	Current	Except: Algeria	108,500
		Egypt	57,000
		Morocco	70,000
ASIA	27,500	Except: Iran	22,000
		Nepal	13,000
EUROPE	50,000	Except: Russia	49,500
		Uzbekistan	17,000
NORTH AMERICA (BAHAMAS)	Current		
OCEANIA	2,700		
SOUTH AMERICA, and the CARIBBEAN	5,000		

Entitlement to immigrant status in the DV category lasts only through the end of the fiscal (visa) year for which the applicant is selected in the lottery. The year of entitlement for all applicants registered for the DV-2024 program ends as of September 30, 2024. DVs may not be issued to DV-2024 applicants after that date. Similarly, spouses and children accompanying or following to join DV-2024 principals are only entitled to derivative DV status until September 30, 2024. DV availability through the very end of FY-2024 cannot be taken for granted. Numbers could be exhausted prior to September 30.

C. DIVERSITY (DV) IMMIGRANT CATEGORY RANK CUT-OFFS WHICH WILL APPLY IN OCTOBER

For October, immigrant numbers in the DV category are available to qualified DV-2025 applicants chargeable to all regions/eligible countries as follows. When an allocation cut-off number is shown, visas are available only for applicants with DV regional lottery rank numbers BELOW the specified allocation cut-off number:

Region	All DV Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed Separately		
AFRICA	15,000	Except: Algeria	6,500
		Egypt	8,250
		Morocco	8,250
ASIA	3,000	Except: Iran	2,950
		Nepal	2,950
EUROPE	6,000	Except: Russia	5,950
		Uzbekistan	4,900
NORTH AMERICA (BAHAMAS)	2		
OCEANIA	500		
SOUTH AMERICA, and the CARIBBEAN	825		

D. AVAILABILITY OF EMPLOYMENT-BASED VISAS DURING SEPTEMBER

There has been a steady increase in both USCIS and Department of State demand patterns for employment-based visas during the fiscal year. As a result, most employment-based preference category limits for FY 2024 are expected to be reached during September, if not sooner. If at any time an annual limit were reached, it would be necessary to immediately make the preference category "unavailable", and no further requests for numbers would be honored.

E. RETROGRESSION IN THE EMPLOYMENT-BASED THIRD PREFERENCE (EB-3) AND "OTHER WORKERS" (EW) CATEGORIES

As readers were informed was possible in Item D of the July 2024 and August 2024 *Visa Bulletin*, it has become necessary to retrogress the EB-3 final action dates for Rest of World, Mexico, and the Philippines, as well as the EW final action dates for Rest of World and Mexico. The issuance totals in these categories are rapidly approaching the annual limit for FY-2024, necessitating this slowdown of issuance rates. It is anticipated that the final action dates will advance in October 2024; however, date movement will depend on worldwide demand for EB-3 and EW visas and the estimated FY-2025 category limit.

F. DIVERSITY VISA LOTTERY 2025 (DV-2025) RESULTS

The Kentucky Consular Center in Williamsburg, Kentucky has registered and notified the selectees who are eligible to participate in the DV-2025 Diversity Visa (DV) program. Random selection of DV participants was conducted under the terms of section 203(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, which makes up to \*55,000 permanent resident visas available annually to persons from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States. Approximately 131,060 prospective applicants (i.e., selectees and their spouses and children) have been registered, can confirm their selection, and may be eligible to make an application for an immigrant visa. Since selection is random and blind to the number of family members who might immigrate with the selectee, and it is likely that some of the selectees will not complete their cases or will be found ineligible for a visa, this larger figure should ensure that all DV-2025 numbers can be used during fiscal year 2025 (FY25: October 1, 2024, until September 30, 2025).

Entrants registered for the DV-2025 program were selected at random from 19,927,656 qualified entries received during the 35-day application period that ran from noon, Eastern Daylight Time on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, until noon, Eastern Standard Time on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. The visas will be apportioned among the six geographic regions to ensure a maximum of seven percent are issued to persons chargeable to any single country. During the visa interview, principal applicants must provide proof of a high school education or its equivalent, or two years of work experience in an occupation that requires at least two years of training or experience within the past five years. Those selected will need to act on their immigrant visa applications quickly. Applicants should follow the instructions in their notification letter and must fully complete all required steps.

Selectees who are physically present with legal status in the United States may apply to adjust their status by first contacting the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for information on the requirements and procedures. Once the total \*55,000 visa numbers have been used, the program for fiscal year 2025 will end. Selectees who do not receive visas or status by September 30, 2025, will derive no further benefit from their DV-2025 registration. Similarly, spouses and children accompanying or following to join DV-2025 principal applicants are only entitled to derivative DV status until September 30, 2025.



Dates for the DV-2026 program registration period will be widely publicized in the coming months. Those interested in entering the DV-2026 program should check the Department of State's Diversity Visa web page in the coming months.

\*The Nicaraguan and Central American Relief Act (NACARA) passed by Congress in November 1997 stipulated that up to 5,000 of the 55,000 annually-allocated diversity visas be made available for use under the NACARA program. This will result in reduction of the DV-2025 annual limit to approximately 54,850. Additionally, Section 5104 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024 amended the NACARA's provisions on the Diversity Visa program such that the number of visas made available under the NDAA will also be deducted from the 55,000 DVs annually allocated. This will result in an additional reduction of the DV-2025 annual limit to approximately 51,350.

The following is the statistical breakdown by foreign state of chargeability of those registered for the DV-2025 program:

<b><u>AFRICA</u></b>		
ALGERIA 5,526	ESWATINI 6	NAMIBIA 5
ANGOLA 738	ETHIOPIA 3,674	NIGER 70
BENIN 1,032	GABON 81	RWANDA 1,385
BOTSWANA 7	GAMBIA, THE 159	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE 3
BURKINA FASO 262	GHANA 2,686	SENEGAL 656
BURUNDI 773	GUINEA 1,291	SIERRA LEONE 957
CABO VERDE 52	GUINEA-BISSAU 12	SOMALIA 966
CAMEROON 3,962	KENYA 4,459	SOUTH AFRICA 163
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC 29	LESOTHO 10	SOUTH SUDAN 32
CHAD 419	LIBERIA 2,004	SUDAN 5,505
COMOROS 4	LIBYA 192	TANZANIA 371
CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE 2,729	MADAGASCAR 35	TOGO 2,287
CONGO, REPUBLIC OF THE 513	MALAWI 61	TUNISIA 96
COTE D'IVOIRE 883	MALI 167	UGANDA 1,061
DJIBOUTI 132	MAURITANIA 228	ZAMBIA 118
EGYPT 5,515	MAURITIUS 2	ZIMBABWE 210
EQUATORIAL GUINEA 24	MOROCCO 4,237	
ERITREA 142	MOZAMBIQUE 11	
<b><u>ASIA</u></b>		
AFGHANISTAN 4,009	JORDAN 775	SAUDI ARABIA 420
BAHRAIN 4	KOREA, NORTH 1	SINGAPORE 11
BHUTAN 269	KUWAIT 105	SRI LANKA 1,618
BURMA 1,723	LAOS 63	SYRIA 431
CAMBODIA 457	LEBANON 115	TAIWAN 227
INDONESIA 193	MALAYSIA 34	THAILAND 405
IRAN 5,267	MONGOLIA 174	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 153
IRAQ 667	NEPAL 3,861	YEMEN 1,894
ISRAEL 104	OMAN 13	
JAPAN 149	QATAR 56	
<b><u>EUROPE</u></b>		
ALBANIA 1,598	GEORGIA 1,342	NORTH MACEDONIA 188
ANDORRA 3	GERMANY 479	NORTHERN IRELAND 6
ARMENIA 2,971	GREECE 37	NORWAY 7
AUSTRIA 51	HUNGARY 97	POLAND 309
AZERBAIJAN 1,730	ICELAND 5	PORTUGAL 38

BELARUS 1,577	IRELAND 29	Macau 6
BELGIUM 49	ITALY 263	ROMANIA 199
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA 35	KAZAKHSTAN 2,004	RUSSIA 5,519
BULGARIA 107	KOSOVO 260	SERBIA 154
CROATIA 7	KYRGYZSTAN 3,095	SLOVAKIA 26
CYPRUS 14	LATVIA 43	SLOVENIA 3
CZECH REPUBLIC 28	LIECHTENSTEIN 1	SPAIN 142
DENMARK 28	LITHUANIA 89	SWEDEN 49
Faroe Islands 1	LUXEMBOURG 4	SWITZERLAND 42
Greenland 1	MALTA 3	TAJKISTAN 2,982
ESTONIA 23	MOLDOVA 1,413	TURKEY 4,194
FINLAND 18	MONTENEGRO 38	TURKMENISTAN 2,010
FRANCE 275	NETHERLANDS 34	UKRAINE 4,002
French Polynesia 2	Aruba 1	UZBEKISTAN 5,564
Saint Barthelemy 2		
<b><u>NORTH AMERICA</u></b>		
BAHAMAS, THE 19		
<b><u>OCEANIA</u></b>		
AUSTRALIA 894	NAURU 17	SAMOA 16
Christmas Island 1	NEW ZEALAND 302	SOLOMON ISLANDS 15
Cocos (Keeling) Islands 53	Tokelau 15	TONGA 266
COOK ISLANDS 27	NIUE 1	TUVALU 4
FIJI 2,359	PAPUA NEW GUINEA 22	VANUATU 5
KIRIBATI 32	REPUBLIC OF PALAU 24	
<b><u>SOUTH AMERICA</u></b>		
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA 5	DOMINICA 4	PARAGUAY 20
ARGENTINA 130	ECUADOR 795	PERU 657
BARBADOS 4	GRENADA 1	SAINT LUCIA 6
BELIZE 1	GUATEMALA 230	SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES 7
BOLIVIA 102	GUYANA 18	SURINAME 6
CHILE 61	NICARAGUA 86	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO 40
COSTA RICA 72	PANAMA 29	URUGUAY 29
CUBA 2,348		

Natives of the following countries were not eligible to participate in DV-2025: Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China (including Hong Kong SAR), Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, South Korea, Venezuela, and Vietnam.

G. DETERMINATION OF THE NUMERICAL LIMITS ON IMMIGRANTS REQUIRED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT (INA)

The State Department is required to make the determination of the worldwide numerical limitations, as outlined in Section 201(c) and (d) of the INA, on an annual basis. These calculations are based in part on data provided by U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS) regarding the number of immediate relative adjustments in the preceding year and the number of aliens paroled into the United States under Section 212(d) (5) in the second preceding year. Without this information, it is impossible to make an official determination of the annual limits. To avoid delays in

processing while waiting for the USCIS data, the Visa Office (VO) bases allocations on reasonable estimates of the anticipated amount of visa numbers to be available under the annual limits, in accordance with Section 203(g) of the INA. On July 19th, USCIS provided the required data to the VO.

The Department of State has determined the Family and Employment preference numerical limits for FY-2024 in accordance with the terms of Section 201 of the INA. These numerical limitations for FY-2024 are as follows:

Worldwide Family-Sponsored preference limit:	226,000
Worldwide Employment-Based preference limit:	160,791

Under INA Section 202(a)(2), the per-country limit is fixed at 7% of the combined total family and employment annual limits. For FY-2024 the per-country limit is therefore 27,075. The dependent area annual limit is 2%, or 7,736. Note that these figures do not account for carryover provisions in accordance with INA 203(b)(5)(B). With these carryover visa numbers included, the per-country limit is 27,837 and the dependent area limit is 7,953.

H. U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE SPECIAL IMMIGRANT VISAS (SIVs)

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024, signed into law on December 22, 2023, may affect certain current and former employees of the U.S. Government abroad applying for SIVs or adjustment of status, as described in section 101(a)(27)(D) of the INA. This does not affect certain Iraqis and Afghans applying for SQ and SI SIVs. Applicants should contact the consular section at which they filed their Form DS-1884 for further information on the impact of that law on their case.

I. FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION ON VISA PROCESSING AT U.S. EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES, PLEASE VISIT THE BUREAU OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS WEBSITE AT TRAVEL.STATE.GOV