

Table II
Classes of Immigrants Issued Visas at Foreign Service Posts
Fiscal Years 2012-2016

Class of Immigrant	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Grand Total	482,300	473,115	467,370	531,463	617,752
Family-Sponsored Preference Total	189,128	189,020	197,760	208,840	215,498
<i>First Preference</i>					
Unmarried son or daughter of U.S. citizen and children	19,577	22,863	21,511	22,346	21,800
<i>Second Preference Exempt from Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	47,980	49,495	53,292	58,583	64,424
<i>Second Preference Subject to Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	23,277	20,574	26,749	21,614	22,378
Unmarried son or daughter of alien resident, and children	20,097	20,549	15,137	22,726	22,938
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	19,962	22,090	21,931	23,455	22,590
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Brother or sister of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	58,235	53,449	59,140	60,116	61,368
Employment-Based Preference Total	19,137	21,144	21,365	21,613	25,056
<i>First Preference</i>					
Priority worker, spouse and children	1,534	1,722	1,680	1,891	2,361
<i>Second Preference</i>					
Professional holding advanced degree or alien of exceptional ability, spouse and children	1,398	2,284	1,880	1,856	2,155
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Skilled worker or professional, spouse and children	6,290	6,903	6,246	6,226	7,961
Other worker, spouse and children	2,020	1,634	842	1,114	2,340
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Minister of religion, spouse and children	182	250	236	181	108
Certain employees or former employees of the U.S. Government abroad, spouse and children	871	928	1,138	1,511	1,529
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	13	5	7	5	8
Certain juvenile court dependents	0	0	0	1	0
Certain religious workers, spouse and children	138	71	61	39	66
Special Immigrant Broadcaster, spouse and children	13	35	47	16	23
<i>Fifth Preference</i>					
Employment creation outside targeted area, spouse and children	77	104	59	24	103
Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area, spouse and children	87	69	39	48	350
Investor pilot program not in targeted area, spouse and children	3	4	0	9	9
Investor pilot program in targeted area, spouse and children	6,511	7,135	9,130	8,692	8,043

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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	235,616	205,435	185,130	243,432	315,352
Spouse of U.S. citizen	45,409	39,178	45,776	67,724	81,486
Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional)	43,360	40,550	29,913	40,061	51,979
Child of U.S. citizen	46,298	40,581	33,943	41,418	59,885
Child of U.S. citizen (conditional)	7,415	6,838	4,379	5,232	7,496
Orphan adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	3,925	2,843	2,572	1,584	1,292
Child adopted abroad by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	2,966	2,999	2,847	3,250	3,135
Orphan to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen	1,506	1,011	742	601	566
Child to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	270	255	247	229	208
Parent of U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age	84,045	70,835	64,341	82,926	108,788
Certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	303	251	268	309	382
Children of certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	119	94	102	98	135
Special Immigrant Total	5,219	6,424	12,084	9,468	16,176
Returning Resident	1,005	1,172	1,177	1,348	1,533
Iraqi and Afghan translators, spouse and children	146	112	175	189	219
Certain Iraqis or Afghans employed by or on behalf of the U.S. Government, spouse, and children	4,029	5,102	10,678	7,908	14,366
Certain Family Members of U1 Nonimmigrants	39	38	54	23	58
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	75	12	13	13	6
DV Diversity Immigrants	33,125	51,080	51,018	48,097	45,664