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**Fiscal Years 2013-2017**

<b>Class of Immigrant</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>473,115</b>	<b>467,370</b>	<b>531,463</b>	<b>617,752</b>	<b>559,536</b>
<b>Family-Sponsored Preference Total</b>	<b>189,020</b>	<b>197,760</b>	<b>208,840</b>	<b>215,498</b>	<b>212,155</b>
<i>First Preference</i>					
Unmarried son or daughter of U.S. citizen and children	22,863	21,511	22,346	21,800	22,807
<i>Second Preference Exempt from Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	49,495	53,292	58,583	64,424	61,883
<i>Second Preference Subject to Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	20,574	26,749	21,614	22,378	21,197
Unmarried son or daughter of alien resident, and children	20,549	15,137	22,726	22,938	23,819
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	22,090	21,931	23,455	22,590	20,716
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Brother or sister of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	53,449	59,140	60,116	61,368	61,733
<b>Employment-Based Preference Total</b>	<b>21,144</b>	<b>21,365</b>	<b>21,613</b>	<b>25,056</b>	<b>23,814</b>
<i>First Preference</i>					
Priority worker, spouse and children	1,722	1,680	1,891	2,361	2,529
<i>Second Preference</i>					
Professional holding advanced degree or alien of exceptional ability, spouse and children	2,284	1,880	1,856	2,155	3,223
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Skilled worker or professional, spouse and children	6,903	6,246	6,226	7,961	6,964
Other worker, spouse and children	1,634	842	1,114	2,340	929
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Minister of religion, spouse and children	250	236	181	108	203
Certain employees or former employees of the U.S. Government abroad, spouse and children	928	1,138	1,511	1,529	1,460
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	7	5	8	9
Certain juvenile court dependents	0	0	1	0	0
Certain religious workers, spouse and children	71	61	39	66	78
Special Immigrant Broadcaster, spouse and children	35	47	16	23	5
<i>Fifth Preference</i>					
Employment creation outside targeted area, spouse and children	104	59	24	103	136
Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area, spouse and children	69	39	48	350	267
Investor pilot program not in targeted area, spouse and children	4	0	9	9	11
Investor pilot program in targeted area, spouse and children	7,135	9,130	8,692	8,043	8,000

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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>205,435</b>	<b>185,130</b>	<b>243,432</b>	<b>315,352</b>	<b>254,430</b>
Spouse of U.S. citizen	39,178	45,776	67,724	81,486	70,809
Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional)	40,550	29,913	40,061	51,979	41,822
Child of U.S. citizen	40,581	33,943	41,418	59,885	44,748
Child of U.S. citizen (conditional)	6,838	4,379	5,232	7,496	6,579
Orphan adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	2,843	2,572	1,584	1,292	1,391
Child adopted abroad by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	2,999	2,847	3,250	3,135	2,882
Orphan to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen	1,011	742	601	566	277
Child to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	255	247	229	208	159
Parent of U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age	70,835	64,341	82,926	108,788	85,280
Certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	251	268	309	382	357
Children of certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	94	102	98	135	126
<b>Special Immigrant Total</b>	<b>6,424</b>	<b>12,084</b>	<b>9,468</b>	<b>16,176</b>	<b>20,034</b>
Returning Resident	1,172	1,177	1,348	1,533	1,391
Iraqi and Afghan translators, spouse and children	112	175	189	219	222
Certain Iraqis or Afghans employed by or on behalf of the U.S. Government, spouse, and children	5,102	10,678	7,908	14,366	18,349
Certain Family Members of U1 Nonimmigrants	38	54	23	58	72
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	12	13	13	6	36
DV Diversity Immigrants	51,080	51,018	48,097	45,664	49,067