

Annual Numerical Limits FY-2020

Family

<u>Preference</u>	<u>Foreign State</u>	<u>Worldwide</u>
F1	1,638	23,400
FX		65,950
F2A	6,151	21,984
F2B	1,838	26,266
F3	1,638	23,400
F4	4,555	65,000
Total	15,820	226,000

Unused numbers can “fall-down” from F1 to F2A to F2B to F3 to F4.
 Unused F4 numbers can “fall-up” to F1. This potential is taken into consideration when setting the monthly/annual targets for number use. Those targets are established based on the historical and current patterns of number use, and are adjusted as necessary.

Employment (limit)

<u>Preference</u>	<u>China*</u>	<u>All Others</u>	<u>Worldwide</u>
E1	3,133	3,133	44,759
E2	3,133	3,133	44,759
E3/EW	2,923	3,133	44,759**
E4/SR	778	778	11,112
E5	288	778	11,111
Total	10,255*	10,955	156,500

*The provisions of the Chinese Student Protection Act require that the China annual limit be reduced by 1,000 annually to compensate for cases processed under that legislation. Approximately 700 numbers remain to be offset under this provision, with a total of 210 numbers being deducted from the E3 category, and 490 from the E5 category.

**The EW category is currently entitled to up to 10,000 of this total. Unused numbers can “fall-down” from E1 to E2 to E3. Unused numbers can “fall-up” from E4 and E5 to E1. That fact is taken into consideration when setting the monthly/annual targets for number use, and based on historical/recent patterns of number use.