

Table 47. Persons Obtaining Legal Permanent Resident Status by Class of Admission: 2000 to 2006

[For years ending September 30. For definition of immigrants, see text of this section]

Class of admission	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total	841,002	1,059,356	703,542	957,883	1,122,373	1,266,264
New arrivals.	407,279	384,289	358,333	373,962	384,071	447,016
Adjustments.	433,723	675,067	345,209	583,921	738,302	819,248
Family-sponsored preferences.	235,092	186,880	158,796	214,355	212,970	222,229
Unmarried sons/daughters of U.S. citizens and their children	27,635	23,517	21,471	26,380	24,729	25,432
Spouses, unmarried sons/daughters of alien residents and their children	124,540	84,785	53,195	93,609	100,139	112,051
Married sons/daughters of U.S. citizens ¹	22,804	21,041	27,287	28,695	22,953	21,491
Brothers or sisters of U.S. citizens ¹	60,113	57,537	56,843	65,671	65,149	63,255
Employment-based preferences	106,642	173,814	81,727	155,330	246,878	159,081
Priority workers ¹	27,566	34,168	14,453	31,291	64,731	36,960
Professionals with advanced degrees or aliens of exceptional ability ¹	20,255	44,316	15,406	32,534	42,597	21,911
Skilled workers, professionals, unskilled workers ¹	49,589	88,002	46,415	85,969	129,070	89,922
Special immigrants ¹	9,014	7,186	5,389	5,407	10,134	9,539
Employment creation (investors) ¹	218	142	64	129	346	749
Immediate relatives of U.S. citizens	346,350	483,676	331,286	417,815	436,231	580,483
Spouses	196,405	293,219	183,796	252,193	259,144	339,843
Children ²	82,638	96,941	77,948	88,088	94,974	120,199
Parents	67,307	93,516	69,542	77,534	82,113	120,441
Refugees	56,091	115,601	34,362	61,013	112,676	99,609
Asylees. ³	6,837	10,197	10,402	10,217	30,286	116,845
Diversity	50,920	42,820	46,335	50,084	46,234	44,471
Cancellation of removal	12,154	23,642	28,990	32,702	20,785	29,516
Parolees	3,162	6,018	4,196	7,121	7,715	4,569
Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (NACARA)	20,364	9,307	2,498	2,292	1,155	661
Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act (HRIFA)	435	5,345	1,406	2,451	2,820	3,375
Other	2,955	2,056	3,544	4,503	4,623	5,425

¹ Includes spouses and children. ² Includes orphans. ³ Includes categories of immigrants admitted under three laws intended to diversify immigration: P.L. 99-603, P.L. 100-658, and P.L. 101-649.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, Office of Immigration Statistics, *2006 Yearbook of Immigration Statistics*. See also <<http://www.dhs.gov/xim/gtn/statistics/publications/yearbook.shtm>>.