

Table 47. Persons Obtaining Legal Permanent Resident Status by Class of Admission: 2000 to 2007

[For years ending September 30]

Class of admission	2000	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total	841,002	703,542	957,883	1,122,257	1,266,129	1,052,415
New arrivals	407,279	358,333	373,962	383,955	446,881	431,368
Adjustments	433,723	345,209	583,921	738,302	819,248	621,047
Family-sponsored preferences	235,092	158,796	214,355	212,970	222,229	194,900
Unmarried sons/daughters of U.S. citizens and their children	27,635	21,471	26,380	24,729	25,432	22,858
Spouses, unmarried sons/daughters of alien residents and their children	124,540	53,195	93,609	100,139	112,051	86,151
Married sons/daughters of U.S. citizens ¹	22,804	27,287	28,695	22,953	21,491	20,611
Brothers or sisters of U.S. citizens ¹	60,113	56,843	65,671	65,149	63,255	65,280
Employment-based preferences	106,642	81,727	155,330	246,877	159,081	162,176
Priority workers ¹	27,566	14,453	31,291	64,731	36,960	26,697
Professionals with advanced degrees or aliens of exceptional ability ¹	20,255	15,406	32,534	42,597	21,911	44,162
Skilled workers, professionals, unskilled workers ¹	49,589	46,415	85,969	129,070	89,922	85,030
Special immigrants ¹	9,014	5,389	5,407	10,133	9,539	5,481
Employment creation (investors) ¹	218	64	129	346	749	806
Immediate relatives of U.S. citizens	346,350	331,286	417,815	436,115	580,348	494,920
Spouses	196,405	183,796	252,193	259,144	339,843	274,358
Children ²	82,638	77,948	88,088	94,858	120,064	103,828
Parents	67,307	69,542	77,534	82,113	120,441	116,734
Refugees	56,091	34,362	61,013	112,676	99,609	54,942
Asylees	6,837	10,402	10,217	30,286	116,845	81,183
Diversity	50,920	46,335	50,084	46,234	44,471	42,127
Cancellation of removal	12,154	28,990	32,702	20,785	29,516	14,927
Parolees	3,162	4,196	7,121	7,715	4,569	1,999
Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (NACARA)	20,364	2,498	2,292	1,155	661	340
Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act (HRIFA)	435	1,406	2,451	2,820	3,375	2,448
Other	2,955	3,544	4,503	4,624	5,425	2,453

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, *2007 Yearbook of Immigration Statistics*. See also <<http://www.dhs.gov/ximgrn/statistics/publications/yearbook.shtm>>.