

Table 48. Persons Obtaining Legal Permanent Resident Status by Class of Admission: 2000 to 2009

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

Class of admission	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total	841,002	1,122,257	1,266,129	1,052,415	1,107,126	1,130,818
New arrivals	407,279	383,955	446,881	431,368	466,558	463,042
Adjustments	433,723	738,302	819,248	621,047	640,568	667,776
Family-sponsored preferences	235,092	212,970	222,229	194,900	227,761	211,859
Unmarried sons/daughters of U.S. citizens and their children	27,635	24,729	25,432	22,858	26,173	23,965
Spouses, unmarried sons/daughters of alien residents and their children	124,540	100,139	112,051	86,151	103,456	98,567
Married sons/daughters of U.S. citizens ¹	22,804	22,953	21,491	20,611	29,273	25,930
Brothers or sisters of U.S. citizens ¹	60,113	65,149	63,255	65,280	68,859	63,397
Employment-based preferences	106,642	246,877	159,081	162,176	166,511	144,034
Priority workers ¹	27,566	64,731	36,960	26,697	36,678	40,924
Professionals with advanced degrees or aliens of exceptional ability ¹	20,255	42,597	21,911	44,162	70,046	45,552
Skilled workers, professionals, unskilled workers ¹	49,589	129,070	89,922	85,030	48,903	40,398
Special immigrants ¹	9,014	10,133	9,539	5,481	9,524	13,472
Employment creation (investors) ¹	218	346	749	806	1,360	3,688
Immediate relatives of U.S. citizens	346,350	436,115	580,348	494,920	488,483	535,554
Spouses	196,405	259,144	339,843	274,358	265,671	317,129
Children ²	82,638	94,858	120,064	103,828	101,342	98,270
Parents	67,307	82,113	120,441	116,734	121,470	120,155
Refugees	56,091	112,676	99,609	54,942	90,030	118,836
Asylees	6,837	30,286	116,845	81,183	76,362	58,532
Diversity ³	50,920	46,234	44,471	42,127	41,761	47,879
Cancellation of removal	12,154	20,785	29,516	14,927	11,128	8,156
Parolees	3,162	7,715	4,569	1,999	1,172	2,385
Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (NACARA)	20,364	1,155	661	340	296	296
Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act (HRIFA)	435	2,820	3,375	2,448	1,580	552
Other	2,955	4,624	5,425	2,453	2,042	2,735

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. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Immigration Statistics, *2009 Yearbook of Immigration Statistics*. See also <<http://www.dhs.gov/ximgmt/statistics/publications/yearbook.shtm>>.

Table 49. Persons Obtaining Legal Permanent Resident Status by Selected Country of Birth and Selected Characteristics: 2009

[For year ending September 30]

Age, marital status, class of admission	Total ¹	Mexico	China	Philippines	India	Dominican Republic	Cuba	Vietnam	Colombia
Total	1,130,818	164,920	64,238	60,029	57,304	49,414	38,954	29,234	27,849
Under 18 years old	223,117	34,137	9,662	11,934	7,258	15,278	5,578	6,186	4,743
18 to 24 years old	155,443	27,691	6,604	6,535	5,011	7,855	4,916	4,575	3,634
25 to 34 years old	277,867	36,736	13,046	11,566	18,331	8,293	8,434	5,565	6,300
35 to 44 years old	210,901	29,239	15,786	10,057	11,100	7,544	9,538	5,033	5,515
45 to 54 years old	124,621	15,563	9,432	7,348	5,991	4,659	4,919	4,236	4,558
55 to 64 years old	80,208	11,573	4,672	7,399	5,311	3,283	3,117	2,479	2,097
65 years old and over	58,659	9,981	5,036	5,190	4,301	2,502	2,452	1,159	1,002
Unknown	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
Single	417,232	58,269	17,945	21,304	11,937	27,942	17,107	10,503	8,696
Married	654,674	99,665	43,206	35,124	42,545	19,343	15,659	17,165	17,485
Other	54,454	6,409	2,956	3,504	2,691	2,044	5,954	1,513	1,567
Unknown	4,458	577	131	97	131	85	234	53	101
Family-sponsored preferences	211,859	57,177	11,013	14,286	12,911	20,611	1,022	12,748	3,127
Employment-based preferences	144,034	8,660	11,295	8,516	20,264	408	13	(D)	2,850
Immediate relatives of U.S. citizens	535,554	96,187	23,244	37,037	21,532	28,212	3,385	13,038	17,551
Diversity programs	47,879	12	28	4	63	16	183	(D)	10
Refugee and asylee adjustments	177,368	466	18,486	108	2,228	135	34,301	2,535	4,227
Other	14,124	2,418	172	78	306	32	50	498	84

— Represents zero. D Data withheld to avoid disclosure. ¹ Includes other countries not shown separately.

Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Immigration Statistics, unpublished data.