

**Table 48. Persons Obtaining Legal Permanent Resident Status by Class of Admission: 2000 to 2010**

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

Class of admission	2000	2005	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>841,002</b>	<b>1,122,257</b>	<b>1,052,415</b>	<b>1,107,126</b>	<b>1,130,818</b>	<b>1,042,625</b>
New arrivals.....	407,279	383,955	431,368	466,558	463,042	476,049
Adjustments.....	433,723	738,302	621,047	640,568	667,776	566,576
Family-sponsored preferences	235,092	212,970	194,900	227,761	211,859	214,589
Unmarried sons/daughters of U.S. citizens and their children.....	27,635	24,729	22,858	26,173	23,965	26,998
Spouses, unmarried sons/daughters of alien residents and their children.....	124,540	100,139	86,151	103,456	98,567	92,088
Married sons/daughters of U.S. citizens <sup>1</sup> .....	22,804	22,953	20,611	29,273	25,930	32,817
Brothers or sisters of U.S. citizens <sup>1</sup> .....	60,113	65,149	65,280	68,859	63,397	62,686
Employment-based preferences	106,642	246,865	161,733	164,741	140,903	148,343
Priority workers <sup>1</sup> .....	27,566	64,731	26,697	36,678	40,924	41,055
Professionals with advanced degrees or aliens of exceptional ability <sup>1</sup> .....	20,255	42,597	44,162	70,046	45,552	53,946
Skilled workers, professionals, unskilled workers <sup>1</sup> .....	49,589	129,070	85,030	48,903	40,398	39,762
Special immigrants <sup>1</sup> .....	9,014	10,121	5,038	7,754	10,341	11,100
Employment creation (investors) <sup>1</sup> .....	218	346	806	1,360	3,688	2,480
Immediate relatives of U.S. citizens.....	346,350	436,115	494,920	488,483	535,554	476,414
Spouses.....	196,405	259,144	274,358	265,671	317,129	271,909
Children <sup>2</sup> .....	82,638	94,858	103,828	101,342	98,270	88,297
Parents.....	67,307	82,113	116,734	121,470	120,155	116,208
Refugees.....	56,091	112,676	54,942	90,030	118,836	92,741
Asylees.....	6,837	30,286	81,183	76,362	58,532	43,550
Diversity <sup>3</sup> .....	50,920	46,234	42,127	41,761	47,879	49,763
Cancellation of removal.....	12,154	20,785	14,927	11,128	8,156	8,180
Parolees.....	3,162	7,715	1,999	1,172	2,385	1,592
Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (NACARA).....	20,364	1,155	340	296	296	248
Children born abroad to alien residents.....	(NA)	571	597	637	587	716
Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act (HRIFA).....	435	2,820	2,448	1,580	552	386
Other.....	2,955	4,065	2,299	3,175	5,279	6,103

NA Not Available. <sup>1</sup> Includes spouses and children. <sup>2</sup> Includes orphans. <sup>3</sup> 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, *2010 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: 2010**

[For year ending September 30]

Age, marital status, class of admission	All countries <sup>1</sup>	Mexico	China	India	Philippines	Dominican Republic	Cuba	Vietnam	Haiti
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>1,042,625</b>	<b>139,120</b>	<b>70,863</b>	<b>69,162</b>	<b>58,173</b>	<b>53,870</b>	<b>33,573</b>	<b>30,632</b>	<b>22,582</b>
Under 18 years old.....	206,519	24,369	11,610	8,327	11,978	18,808	6,119	6,248	6,396
18 to 24 years old.....	141,388	22,287	8,246	5,224	6,537	8,625	4,355	5,212	3,146
25 to 34 years old.....	253,188	33,225	14,045	23,574	10,774	8,496	6,162	5,205	4,393
35 to 44 years old.....	195,209	26,884	17,498	15,028	9,627	8,258	7,496	5,165	3,683
45 to 54 years old.....	118,070	14,424	9,931	6,559	7,345	5,067	4,587	5,288	2,194
55 to 64 years old.....	75,817	9,477	5,119	5,963	7,397	2,821	2,690	2,565	1,385
65 years old and over.....	52,425	8,454	4,414	4,487	4,514	1,795	2,164	947	1,385
Unknown.....	9	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—
Single.....	390,470	43,248	21,909	14,215	22,684	34,569	14,890	11,663	13,874
Married.....	596,959	89,139	45,765	51,783	32,223	17,436	13,834	17,494	7,921
Other.....	51,174	6,184	3,045	2,990	3,164	1,790	4,688	1,440	681
Unknown.....	4,022	549	144	174	102	75	161	35	106
Family-sponsored preferences.....	214,589	34,114	13,610	14,636	17,849	31,089	455	18,027	8,492
Employment-based preferences.....	148,343	11,535	17,949	31,118	6,423	396	8	360	179
Immediate relatives of U.S. citizens.....	476,414	88,572	24,198	21,831	33,746	22,218	3,153	11,091	10,665
Diversity programs.....	49,763	10	23	58	14	16	125	—	4
Refugee and asylee adjustments.....	136,291	397	14,943	1,324	55	72	29,804	1,032	2,817
Other.....	17,225	4,492	140	195	86	79	28	122	425

— Represents zero. <sup>1</sup> Includes other countries not shown separately.

Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Immigration Statistics, <<http://www.dhs.gov/files/statistics/data/dslpr.shtm>>.