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Fiscal Years 1992-2006

Class of Immigrant	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Grand Total	526,770	539,539	503,544	407,035	423,440	416,919	375,684	413,662	413,534	406,080
Family-Sponsored Preference Total	217,588	226,057	216,819	213,395	207,734	170,785	165,986	191,393	181,127	146,204
<i>First Preference</i>										
Unmarried son or daughter of US citizen and children	11,976	12,385	12,957	13,199	15,847	17,185	14,353	18,936	19,670	15,871
<i>Second Preference Exempt from Country Limitations</i>										
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	70,100	72,916	68,343	56,523	41,994	32,611	29,796	45,662	37,653	20,661
<i>Second Preference Subject to Country Limitations</i>										
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	23,067	25,024	22,292	25,972	30,542	16,777	18,147	21,790	20,227	16,464
Unmarried son or daughter of alien resident, and children	27,254	29,563	27,267	32,524	33,406	21,368	17,542	22,029	22,866	17,559
<i>Third Preference</i>										
Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	22,513	22,861	22,488	21,661	24,338	22,117	22,385	22,495	22,092	18,972
<i>Fourth Preference</i>										
Brother or sister of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	62,678	63,308	63,472	63,516	61,607	60,727	63,763	60,481	58,619	56,677
Employment-Based Preference Total	53,702	54,094	46,632	21,840	22,769	20,898	15,815	15,455	22,392	43,129
<i>First Preference</i>										
Priority worker, spouse and children	959	5,503	5,201	3,637	4,173	3,793	3,399	3,233	5,780	12,208
<i>Second Preference</i>										
Professional holding advanced degree or alien of exceptional ability, spouse and children	15,444	5,912	2,747	1,119	1,246	1,120	991	853	1,940	6,716
<i>Third Preference</i>										
Skilled worker or professional, spouse and children	26,589	28,743	22,585	9,462	10,888	10,068	6,552	7,682	10,793	20,710
Other worker spouse and children	9,087	9,685	9,600	4,845	3,382	2,729	2,559	2,032	1,789	1,408
<i>Fourth Preference</i>										
Minister of religion spouse and children	355	1,509	1,875	874	802	618	532	414	431	693
Certain employees or former employees of the U.S. Government abroad, spouse and children	861	804	781	931	996	603	519	683	974	849
Certain former employees of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government, spouse and children	0	9	4	5	12	6	2	0	6	3
Certain former employees of the U.S. Government in the Canal Zone, spouse and children	4	27	37	27	33	37	10	5	12	8

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Certain former employees of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government on April 1, 1979, spouse and children	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Certain retired international organization employees and spouse, unmarried sons or daughters of int'l org. employees, surviving spouses of deceased int'l org. employees	1	17	10	8	12	13	14	17	6	22
Certain juvenile court dependents	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Certain religious workers, spouse and children	366	1,560	3,489	588	638	701	725	462	595	461
<i>Fifth Preference</i>										
Employment creation outside targeted area, spouse and children	33	237	159	137	186	182	122	28	25	31
Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area, spouse and children	3	86	143	207	401	922	241	45	41	20
Investor pilot program not in targeted area, spouse and children	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0
Investor pilot program in targeted area, spouse and children	0	0	0	0	0	102	146	1	0	0
Alien recruited outside the United States who has served or is enlisted to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces for 12 years, spouse and children	0	59	215	184	42	47	21	19	11	7
Immediate Relative Total	144,345	161,777	160,274	125,822	147,883	178,774	147,760	156,030	163,593	172,071
Spouse of U.S. citizen	22,237	24,624	26,039	16,759	20,199	24,440	19,270	20,822	22,666	28,166
Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional)	39,870	50,111	51,351	30,965	32,093	33,042	26,843	28,547	31,440	31,307
Child of U.S. citizen	23,675	25,553	25,214	24,473	28,556	36,902	30,188	32,163	33,261	33,088
Child of U.S. citizen (conditional)	4,778	6,662	7,912	7,307	6,121	7,315	6,328	5,780	5,399	5,102
Orphan adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	2,990	3,687	4,155	5,307	7,151	9,176	10,829	11,338	13,195	13,791
Orphan to be adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	3,482	3,690	4,178	4,372	4,189	4,445	4,754	5,031	5,282	5,433
Parent of U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age	47,302	47,353	41,337	36,590	49,477	63,359	49,462	52,271	52,245	55,093
Certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	11	97	88	49	85	90	78	53	81	78
Children of certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	0	0	0	0	12	5	8	25	24	13
Returning Resident	955	1,157	1,155	986	890	853	748	830	816	856
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	16,572	5,364	1,257	940	964	835	399	245	1,052	426
DV Diversity Immigrants	-	-	-	42,739	43,158	44,727	44,955	49,672	44,513	43,371
AA-1 Diversity Transition under Section 132 of Pub. L. 101-649	36,347	33,163	44,419	1,129	-	-	-	-	-	-
Schedule A Worker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Grand Total	389,157	364,768	379,402	402,247	448,963
Family-Sponsored Preference Total	129,414	131,407	152,453	146,279	139,753
<i>First Preference</i>					
Unmarried son or daughter of US citizen and children	15,817	16,914	18,991	18,809	15,909
<i>Second Preference Exempt from Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	14,565	9,343	17,160	16,770	14,987
<i>Second Preference Subject to Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	11,524	8,189	7,877	9,540	13,101
Unmarried son or daughter of alien resident, and children	15,329	18,064	22,268	20,472	19,443
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	19,480	25,677	23,493	19,037	17,570
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Brother or sister of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	52,699	53,220	62,664	61,651	58,743
Employment-Based Preference Total	39,289	29,712	28,624	21,290	15,706
<i>First Preference</i>					
Priority worker, spouse and children	9,485	6,359	4,151	4,671	4,971
<i>Second Preference</i>					
Professional holding advanced degree or alien of exceptional ability, spouse and children	5,192	2,353	1,402	1,478	931
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Skilled worker or professional, spouse and children	21,507	17,772	20,357	12,693	7,025
Other worker spouse and children	1,544	1,928	1,308	975	613
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Minister of religion spouse and children	376	243	385	238	433
Certain employees or former employees of the U.S. Government abroad, spouse and children	766	612	781	818	913
Certain former employees of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government, spouse and children	5	0	0	0	0
Certain former employees of the U.S. Government in the Canal Zone, spouse and children	0	2	2	2	0

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<i>Fourth Preference Continued</i>					
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Certain retired international organization employees and spouse, unmarried sons or daughters of int'l org. employees, surviving spouses of deceased int'l org. employees	13	11	18	6	9
Certain juvenile court dependents	0	0	0	0	0
Certain religious workers, spouse and children	353	388	161	251	309
<i>Fifth Preference</i>					
Employment creation outside targeted area, spouse and children	32	14	31	29	46
Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area, spouse and children	16	30	28	128	388
Investor pilot program not in targeted area, spouse and children	0	0	0	0	0
Investor pilot program in targeted area, spouse and children	0	0	0	1	68
Alien recruited outside the United States who has served or is enlisted to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces for 12 years, spouse and children	6	1	7	4	0
Immediate Relative Total	178,106	154,695	151,651	180,432	224,187
Spouse of U.S. citizen	23,181	20,494	21,559	25,407	32,661
Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional)	30,998	25,898	21,994	27,359	31,591
Child of U.S. citizen	33,647	30,173	31,501	39,127	49,475
Child of U.S. citizen (conditional)	6,813	5,526	3,825	5,064	6,505
Orphan adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	15,733	16,042	17,047	16,559	14,590
Orphan to be adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	5,645	5,574	5,837	6,180	6,089
Parent of U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age	61,989	50,862	49,797	60,566	83,133
Certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	67	78	88	104	102
Children of certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	33	48	34	66	41
Returning Resident	735	701	675	782	766
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	374	102	37	119	96
DV Diversity Immigrants	41,197	48,085	45,849	46,099	44,349
AA-1 Diversity Transition under Section 132 of Pub. L. 101-649	-	-	-	-	-
Schedule A Worker	-	-	-	7,242	24,208