

Table II
Classes of Immigrants Issued Visas at Foreign Service Posts
Fiscal Years 2005 - 2009

Class of Immigrant	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Grand Total	402,247	449,103	434,411	470,099	468,770
Family-Sponsored Preference Total	146,279	139,753	151,128	169,896	176,273
<i>First Preference</i>					
Unmarried son or daughter of US citizen and children	18,809	15,909	17,128	20,057	18,969
<i>Second Preference Exempt from Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	16,770	14,987	14,602	25,798	29,588
<i>Second Preference Subject to Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	9,540	13,109	18,078	19,002	24,687
Unmarried son or daughter of alien resident, and children	20,472	19,435	19,349	16,639	23,157
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	19,037	17,570	18,502	26,540	22,049
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Brother or sister of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	61,651	58,743	63,469	61,860	57,823
Employment-Based Preference Total	21,290	15,744	19,722	13,472	13,846
<i>First Preference</i>					
Priority worker, spouse and children	4,671	4,971	2,749	1,549	1,524
<i>Second Preference</i>					
Professional holding advanced degree or alien of exceptional ability, spouse and children	1,478	931	1,216	1,257	1,270
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Skilled worker or professional, spouse and children	12,693	7,025	12,919	7,245	5,714
Other worker spouse and children	975	613	755	886	649
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Minister of religion spouse and children	238	433	332	179	172
Certain employees or former employees of the U.S. Government abroad, spouse and children	818	913	1,051	1,126	1,043
Certain former Panama Canal Company employees or Canal Zone Government spouse and children	0	0	0	0	0
Certain former U.S. Government employees in the canal Zone, Spouse and children	2	0	1	0	0
Certain former Panama Canal Company employees or Canal Zone Government on April 1, 1979, spouse and children	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	6	9	2	5	8
Certain religious workers, spouse and children	251	309	189	115	242
Special Immigrant Broadcaster spouse and children	0	38	37	11	2
<i>Fifth Preference</i>					
Employment created outside targeted area, spouse and children	29	46	26	48	77
Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area, spouse and children	128	388	323	113	96
Investor pilot program not in targeted area, spouse and children	0	0	0	0	0
Investor pilot program in targeted area, spouse and children	1	68	122	938	3,049
Alien recruited outside the U.S. who has served or is enlisted to serve in the U.S. Armed forces for 12 years, spouse and children	4	0	2	1	1
Immediate Relative Total	180,432	224,187	219,323	238,848	227,517

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Spouse of U.S. citizen	25,407	32,661	34,858	45,967	40,350
Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional)	27,359	31,591	27,093	29,560	35,489
Child of U.S. citizen	39,127	49,475	46,494	53,338	49,825
Child of U.S. citizen (conditional)	5,064	6,505	6,040	6,183	6,738
Orphan adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	16,559	14,590	13,788	11,573	7,434
Child adopted abroad by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	-	-	-	9	546
Orphan to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen	6,180	6,089	5,825	5,871	4,584
Child to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	-	-	-	0	164
Parent of U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age	60,566	83,133	85,036	86,189	82,248
Certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	104	102	126	109	93
Children of certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	66	41	63	49	46
Special Immigrant Total	782	766	1,648	2,559	4,324
Returning Resident	782	766	660	752	797
Iraqi and Afghan translators, spouse and children	-	-	988	1,807	3,527
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	119	96	69	77	48
DV Diversity Immigrants	46,099	44,349	38,762	45,246	46,761
Schedule A Worker	7,242	24,208	3,757	0	0