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Table II
Classes of Immigrants Issued Visas at Foreign Service Posts
Fiscal Years 2001 – 2005

Class of Immigrant	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Grand Total	406,080	389,157	364,768	379,402	395,005
Family-Sponsored Preference Total	146,204	129,414	131,407	152,454	146,279
First Preference					
Unmarried son or daughter of US citizen and children	15,871	15,817	16,914	18,991	18,809
Second Preference Exempt from Country Limitations					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	20,661	14,565	9,343	17,160	16,770
Second Preference Subject to Country Limitations					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	16,464	11,524	8,189	7,877	9,540
Unmarried son or daughter of alien resident, and children	17,559	15,329	18,064	22,268	20,472
Third Preference					
Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	18,972	19,480	25,677	23,493	19,037
Fourth Preference					
Brother or sister of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	56,677	52,699	53,220	62,665	61,651
Employment-Based Preference Total	43,129	39,289	29,712	28,624	21,290
First Preference					
Priority worker, spouse and children	12,208	9,485	6,359	4,151	4,671
Second Preference					
Professional holding advanced degree or alien of exceptional ability, spouse and children	6,716	5,192	2,353	1,402	1,478
Third Preference					
Skilled worker or professional, spouse and children	20,710	21,507	17,772	20,357	12,693
Other worker spouse and children	1,408	1,544	1,928	1,308	975
Fourth Preference					
Minister of religion spouse and children	693	376	243	385	238
Certain employees or former employees of the U.S. Government abroad, spouse and children	849	766	612	781	818
Certain former employees of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government Spouse and children	3	5	0	0	0
Certain former employees of the U.S. Government in the Canal Zone, Spouse and children	8	0	2	2	2
Certain former employees of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government on April 1, 1979, Spouse and children	0	0	0	0	0
Spouse and child of certain foreign graduates	0	0	0	0	0
Certain retired international organization employees and spouse					
unmarried sons or daughters of international organization employees, surviving spouses of deceased international organization employees	22	13	11	18	6
Certain juvenile court dependents	0	0	0	0	0
Certain religious workers, spouse and children	461	353	388	161	251
Fifth Preference					
Employment creation outside targeted area, spouse and children	31	32	14	31	29

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Class of Immigrant	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area, spouse and children	20	16	30	28	128
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	0	1
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	7	6	1	7	4
Immediate Relative Total	172,071	178,106	154,695	151,651	180,344
Spouse of U.S. citizen	28,166	23,181	20,494	21,528	25,353
Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional)	31,307	30,998	25,898	21,994	27,359
Child of U.S. citizen	33,088	33,647	30,173	31,501	39,093
Child of U.S. citizen (conditional)	5,102	6,813	5,526	3,825	5,064
Orphan adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	13,791	15,733	16,042	17,047	16,559
Orphan to be adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	5,433	5,645	5,574	5,837	6,180
Parent of U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age	55,093	61,989	50,862	49,797	60,566
Certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	78	67	78	88	104
Children of certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	13	33	48	34	66
Special Immigrant Total	856	735	701	675	782
Returning Resident	856	735	701	675	782
Certain persons who lost U.S. citizenship by marriage	0	0	0	0	0
Certain persons who lost U.S. citizenship by serving in foreign armed forces	0	0	0	0	0
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	426	374	102	37	119
DV Diversity Immigrants	43,371	41,197	48,085	45,849	46,099