

Table II
Classes of Immigrants Issued Visas at Foreign Service Posts
Fiscal Years 2008 - 2012

Class of Immigrant	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Grand Total	470,099	468,770	482,052	476,249	482,300
Family-Sponsored Preference Total	169,896	176,273	200,567	192,891	189,128
<i>First Preference</i>					
Unmarried son or daughter of US citizen and children	20,057	18,969	25,740	20,709	19,577
<i>Second Preference Exempt from Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	25,798	29,588	32,423	48,150	47,980
<i>Second Preference Subject to Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	19,002	24,687	20,169	24,238	23,277
Unmarried son or daughter of alien resident, and children	16,639	23,157	31,706	22,739	20,097
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	26,540	22,049	31,740	20,598	19,962
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Brother or sister of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	61,860	57,823	58,789	56,457	58,235
Employment-Based Preference Total	13,472	13,846	12,701	15,099	19,137
<i>First Preference</i>					
Priority worker, spouse and children	1,549	1,524	1,971	1,612	1,534
<i>Second Preference</i>					
Professional holding advanced degree or alien of exceptional ability, spouse and children	1,257	1,270	1,498	1,686	1,398
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Skilled worker or professional, spouse and children	7,245	5,714	5,644	5,560	6,290
Other worker spouse and children	886	649	697	2,002	2,020
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Minister of religion spouse and children	179	172	285	248	182
Certain employees or former employees of the U.S. Government abroad, spouse and children	1,126	1,043	1,144	906	871
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	0	0	2	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	5	8	7	4	13
Certain religious workers, spouse and children	115	242	199	149	138
Special Immigrant Broadcaster spouse and children	11	2	115	53	13
<i>Fifth Preference</i>					
Employment created outside targeted area, spouse and children	48	77	105	103	77
Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area, spouse and children	113	96	98	81	87
Investor pilot program not in targeted area, spouse and children	0	0	1	1	3
Investor pilot program in targeted area, spouse and children	938	3,049	935	2,694	6,511
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	1	1	0	0	0
Immediate Relative Total	238,848	227,517	215,947	216,856	235,616

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Spouse of U.S. citizen	45,967	40,350	45,186	42,864	45,409
Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional)	29,560	35,489	34,690	38,301	43,360
Child of U.S. citizen	53,338	49,825	46,413	45,180	46,298
Child of U.S. citizen (conditional)	6,183	6,738	6,112	6,943	7,415
Orphan adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	11,573	7,434	4,961	4,946	3,925
Child adopted abroad by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	9	546	1,950	2,320	2,966
Orphan to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen	5,871	4,584	3,795	1,619	1,506
Child to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	0	164	341	413	270
Parent of U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age	86,189	82,248	72,289	73,946	84,045
Certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	109	93	143	240	303
Children of certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	49	46	67	84	119
 Special Immigrant Total	 2,559	 4,324	 3,043	 1,861	 5,219
Returning Resident	752	797	886	1,027	1,005
Iraqi and Afghan translators, spouse and children	1,807	3,527	2,157	832	4,175
Certain Family Members of U1 Nonimmigrants	-	-	-	2	39
 Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	 77	 48	 23	 35	 75
 DV Diversity Immigrants	 45,246	 46,761	 49,771	 49,507	 33,125
 Schedule A Worker	 0	 0	 0	 0	 0