

Table II
Classes of Immigrants Issued Visas at Foreign Service Posts
Fiscal Years 2003 - 2007

Class of Immigrant	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Grand Total	364,768	379,402	402,247	449,103	434,411
Family-Sponsored Preference Total	131,407	152,454	146,279	139,753	151,128
<i>First Preference</i>					
Unmarried son or daughter of US citizen and children	16,914	18,991	18,809	15,909	17,128
<i>Second Preference Exempt from Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	9,343	17,160	16,770	14,987	14,602
<i>Second Preference Subject to Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	8,189	7,877	9,541	13,109	18,078
Unmarried son or daughter of alien resident, and children	18,064	22,268	20,471	19,435	19,349
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	25,677	23,493	19,037	17,570	18,502
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Brother or sister of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	53,220	62,665	61,651	58,743	63,469
Employment-Based Preference Total	29,712	28,656	21,290	15,744	19,722
<i>First Preference</i>					
Priority worker, spouse and children	6,359	4,151	4,671	4,971	2,749
<i>Second Preference</i>					
Professional holding advanced degree or alien of exceptional ability, spouse and children	2,353	1,402	1,478	931	1,216
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Skilled worker or professional, spouse and children	17,772	20,357	12,693	7,025	12,919
Other worker spouse and children	1,928	1,308	975	613	755
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Minister of religion spouse and children	243	385	238	433	332
Certain employees or former employees of the U.S. Government abroad, spouse and children	612	781	818	913	1,051
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	2	2	0	1
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	11	18	6	9	2
Certain religious workers, spouse and children	388	161	251	309	189
Special Immigrant Broadcaster spouse and children	0	32	0	38	37
<i>Fifth Preference</i>					
Employment created outside targeted area, spouse and children	14	31	29	46	26
Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area, spouse and children	30	28	128	388	323
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	1	68	122
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	7	4	0	2
Immediate Relative Total	154,760	151,724	180,432	224,187	219,323

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Spouse of U.S. citizen	20,513	21,559	25,407	32,661	34,858
Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional)	25,898	21,994	27,359	31,591	27,093
Child of U.S. citizen	30,219	31,543	39,127	49,475	46,494
Child of U.S. citizen (conditional)	5,526	3,825	5,064	6,505	6,040
Orphan adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	16,042	17,047	16,559	14,590	13,788
Orphan to be adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	5,574	5,837	6,180	6,089	5,825
Parent of U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age	50,862	49,797	60,566	83,133	85,036
Certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	78	88	104	102	126
Children of certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	48	34	66	41	63
Special Immigrant Total	701	682	786	766	1,648
Returning Resident	701	682	786	766	660
Iraqi and Afghan translators, spouse and children (new IV class)	-	-	-	-	988
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	102	37	119	96	69
DV Diversity Immigrants	48,085	45,849	46,099	44,349	38,762
Schedule A Worker	0	0	7,242	24,208	3,757