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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>526,770</b>	<b>539,539</b>	<b>503,544</b>	<b>407,035</b>	<b>423,440</b>	<b>416,919</b>	<b>375,684</b>	<b>413,662</b>	<b>413,534</b>
<b>Family-Sponsored Preference Total</b>	<b>217,588</b>	<b>226,057</b>	<b>216,819</b>	<b>213,395</b>	<b>207,734</b>	<b>170,785</b>	<b>165,986</b>	<b>191,393</b>	<b>181,127</b>
<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
<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
<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
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
<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
<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
<b>Employment-Based Preference Total</b>	<b>53,702</b>	<b>54,094</b>	<b>46,632</b>	<b>21,840</b>	<b>22,769</b>	<b>20,898</b>	<b>15,815</b>	<b>15,455</b>	<b>22,392</b>
<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
<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
<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
Other worker spouse and children	9,087	9,685	9,600	4,845	3,382	2,729	2,559	2,032	1,789
<i>Fourth Preference</i>									
Minister of religion spouse and children	355	1,509	1,875	874	802	618	532	414	431
Certain employees or former employees of the U.S. Government abroad, spouse and children	861	804	781	931	996	603	519	683	974
Certain former employees of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government, spouse and children	0	9	4	5	12	6	2	0	6
Certain former employees of the U.S. Government in the Canal Zone, spouse and children	4	27	37	27	33	37	10	5	12
Special immigrant broadcaster spouse and children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

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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
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
Certain juvenile court dependents	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Certain religious workers, spouse and children	366	1,560	3,489	588	638	701	725	462	595
<i>Fifth Preference</i>									
Employment creation outside targeted area, spouse and children	33	237	159	137	186	182	122	28	25
Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area, spouse and children	3	86	143	207	401	922	241	45	41
Investor pilot program not in targeted area, spouse and children	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0
Investor pilot program in targeted area, spouse and children	0	0	0	0	0	102	146	1	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
<b>Immediate Relative Total</b>	<b>144,345</b>	<b>161,777</b>	<b>160,274</b>	<b>125,822</b>	<b>147,883</b>	<b>178,774</b>	<b>147,760</b>	<b>156,030</b>	<b>163,593</b>
Spouse of U.S. citizen	22,237	24,624	26,039	16,759	20,199	24,440	19,270	20,822	22,666
Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional)	39,870	50,111	51,351	30,965	32,093	33,042	26,843	28,547	31,440
Child of U.S. citizen	23,675	25,553	25,214	24,473	28,556	36,902	30,188	32,163	33,261
Child of U.S. citizen (conditional)	4,778	6,662	7,912	7,307	6,121	7,315	6,328	5,780	5,399
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
Child adopted abroad by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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
Child to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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
Certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	11	97	88	49	85	90	78	53	81
Children of certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	0	0	0	0	12	5	8	25	24
<b>Special Immigrant Total</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>816</b>
Returning Resident	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iraqi and Afghan translators, spouse, and children ( <b>new IV class</b> )	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants</b>	<b>16,572</b>	<b>5,364</b>	<b>1,257</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>1,052</b>
<b>DV Diversity Immigrants</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,739</b>	<b>43,158</b>	<b>44,727</b>	<b>44,955</b>	<b>49,672</b>	<b>44,513</b>

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<b>AA-1 Diversity Transition under Section 132 of Pub. L. 101-649</b>	<b>36,347</b>	<b>33,163</b>	<b>44,419</b>	<b>1,129</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Schedule A Worker</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>406,080</b>	<b>389,157</b>	<b>364,768</b>	<b>379,402</b>	<b>402,247</b>	<b>448,963</b>	<b>434,374</b>	<b>470,088</b>	<b>468,770</b>
<b>Family-Sponsored Preference Total</b>	<b>146,204</b>	<b>129,414</b>	<b>131,407</b>	<b>152,454</b>	<b>146,279</b>	<b>139,753</b>	<b>151,128</b>	<b>169,896</b>	<b>176,273</b>
<i>First Preference</i>									
Unmarried son or daughter of US citizen and children	15,871	15,817	16,914	18,991	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	20,661	14,565	9,343	17,160	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	16,464	11,524	8,189	7,877	9,540	13,101	18,078	19,002	24,687
Unmarried son or daughter of alien resident, and children	17,559	15,329	18,064	22,268	20,472	19,443	19,349	16,639	23,157
<i>Third Preference</i>									
Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	18,972	19,480	25,677	23,493	19,037	17,570	18,502	26,540	22,049
<i>Fourth Preference</i>									
Brother or sister of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	56,677	52,699	53,220	62,665	61,651	58,743	63,469	61,860	57,823
<b>Employment-Based Preference Total</b>	<b>43,129</b>	<b>39,289</b>	<b>29,712</b>	<b>28,656</b>	<b>21,290</b>	<b>15,706</b>	<b>19,685</b>	<b>13,461</b>	<b>13,846</b>
<i>First Preference</i>									
Priority worker, spouse and children	12,208	9,485	6,359	4,151	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	6,716	5,192	2,353	1,402	1,478	931	1,216	1,257	1,270
<i>Third Preference</i>									
Skilled worker or professional, spouse and children	20,710	21,507	17,772	20,357	12,693	7,025	12,919	7,245	5,714
Other worker spouse and children	1,408	1,544	1,928	1,308	975	613	755	886	649
<i>Fourth Preference</i>									
Minister of religion spouse and children	693	376	243	385	238	433	332	179	172
Certain employees or former employees of the U.S. Government abroad, spouse and children	849	766	612	781	818	913	1,051	1,126	1,043
Certain former employees of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government, spouse and children	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Certain former employees of the U.S. Government in the Canal Zone, spouse and children	8	0	2	2	2	0	1	0	0
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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	22	13	11	18	6	9	2	5	8
Certain juvenile court dependents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Certain religious workers, spouse and children	461	353	388	161	251	309	189	115	242
<i>Fifth Preference</i>									
Employment creation outside targeted area, spouse and children	31	32	14	31	29	46	26	48	77
Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area, spouse and children	20	16	30	28	128	388	323	113	96
Investor pilot program not in targeted area, spouse and children	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investor pilot program in targeted area, spouse and children	0	0	0	0	1	68	122	938	3,049
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	0	2	2	1
<b>Immediate Relative Total</b>	<b>172,071</b>	<b>178,106</b>	<b>154,695</b>	<b>151,724</b>	<b>180,432</b>	<b>224,187</b>	<b>219,323</b>	<b>238,848</b>	<b>227,517</b>
Spouse of U.S. citizen	28,166	23,181	20,494	21,559	25,407	32,661	34,858	45,967	40,350
Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional)	31,307	30,998	25,898	21,994	27,359	31,591	27,093	29,560	35,489
Child of U.S. citizen	33,088	33,647	30,173	31,543	39,127	49,475	46,494	53,338	49,825
Child of U.S. citizen (conditional)	5,102	6,813	5,526	3,825	5,064	6,505	6,040	6,183	6,738
Orphan adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	13,791	15,733	16,042	17,047	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 abroad by U.S. citizen	5,433	5,645	5,574	5,837	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	55,093	61,989	50,862	49,797	60,566	83,133	85,036	86,189	82,248
Certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	78	67	78	88	104	102	126	109	93
Children of certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	13	33	48	34	66	41	63	49	46
<b>Special Immigrant Total</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>2,560</b>	<b>4,324</b>
Returning Resident	-	-	-	-	-	-	660	752	797
Iraqi and Afghan translators, spouse, and children ( <b>new IV class</b> )	-	-	-	-	-	-	988	1,102	3,527
<b>Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>DV Diversity Immigrants</b>	<b>43,371</b>	<b>41,197</b>	<b>48,085</b>	<b>45,849</b>	<b>46,099</b>	<b>44,349</b>	<b>38,762</b>	<b>45,246</b>	<b>46,761</b>

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