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**Fiscal Years 2014-2018**

<b>Class of Immigrant</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	467,370	531,463	617,752	559,536	533,557
<b>Family-Sponsored Preference Total</b>	197,760	208,840	215,498	212,155	211,641
<i>First Preference</i>					
Unmarried son or daughter of U.S. citizen and children	21,511	22,346	21,800	22,807	25,156
<i>Second Preference Exempt from Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	53,292	58,583	64,424	61,883	59,449
<i>Second Preference Subject to Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	26,749	21,614	22,378	21,197	21,770
Unmarried son or daughter of alien resident, and children	15,137	22,726	22,938	23,819	26,117
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	21,931	23,455	22,590	20,716	19,457
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Brother or sister of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	59,140	60,116	61,368	61,733	59,692
<b>Employment-Based Preference Total</b>	<b>21,365</b>	<b>21,613</b>	<b>25,056</b>	<b>23,814</b>	<b>27,345</b>
<i>First Preference</i>					
Priority worker, spouse and children	1,680	1,891	2,361	2,529	3,854
<i>Second Preference</i>					
Professional holding advanced degree or alien of exceptional ability, spouse and children	1,880	1,856	2,155	3,223	3,119
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Skilled worker or professional, spouse and children	6,246	6,226	7,961	6,964	9,557
Other worker, spouse and children	842	1,114	2,340	929	1,190
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Minister of religion, spouse and children	236	181	108	203	269
Certain employees or former employees of the U.S. Government abroad, spouse and children	1,138	1,511	1,529	1,460	1,439
Certain former employees of the Panama Canal Company 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	0	0	0
Certain former employees of the Panama Canal Company 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	7	5	8	9	6
Certain juvenile court dependents	0	1	0	0	0
Certain religious workers, spouse and children	61	39	66	78	78
Special Immigrant Broadcaster, spouse and children	47	16	23	5	26
<i>Fifth Preference</i>					
Employment creation outside targeted area, spouse and children	59	24	103	136	96
Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area, spouse and children	39	48	350	267	219
Investor pilot program not in targeted area, spouse and children	0	9	9	11	24
Investor pilot program in targeted area, spouse and children	9,130	8,692	8,043	8,000	7,468

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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	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Immediate Relative Total</b>	<b>185,130</b>	<b>243,432</b>	<b>315,352</b>	<b>254,430</b>	<b>236,526</b>
Spouse of U.S. citizen	45,776	67,724	81,486	70,809	71,003
Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional)	29,913	40,061	51,979	41,822	37,955
Child of U.S. citizen	33,943	41,418	59,885	44,748	38,393
Child of U.S. citizen (conditional)	4,379	5,232	7,496	6,579	6,280
Orphan adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	2,572	1,584	1,292	1,391	1,088
Child adopted abroad by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	2,847	3,250	3,135	2,882	2,613
Orphan to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen	742	601	566	277	177
Child to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	247	229	208	159	172
Parent of U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age	64,341	82,926	108,788	85,280	78,362
Certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	268	309	382	357	370
Children of certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	102	98	135	126	113
<b>Special Immigrant Total</b>	<b>12,084</b>	<b>9,468</b>	<b>16,176</b>	<b>20,034</b>	<b>9,375</b>
Returning Resident	1,177	1,348	1,533	1,391	1,276
Iraqi and Afghan translators, spouse and children	175	189	219	222	196
Certain Iraqis or Afghans employed by or on behalf of the U.S.	10,678	7,908	14,366	18,349	7,798
Government, spouse, and children					
Certain Family Members of U1 Nonimmigrants	54	23	58	72	105
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	13	13	6	36	92
DV Diversity Immigrants	51,018	48,097	45,664	49,067	48,578