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| A1 | Ambassador, public minister, career diplomat, consul, and immediate family | 10,448 | 10,857 | 10,574 | 10,612 | 10,909 |
| A2 | Other foreign government official or employee, and immediate family | 96,984 | 99,573 | 95,994 | 101,436 | 100,563 |
| A3 | Attendant, servant, or personal employee of A1 and A2, and immediate family | 1,087 | 1,141 | 1,135 | 1,203 | 1,113 |
| B1 | Temporary visitor for business | 37,770 | 35,341 | 41,956 | 44,880 | 43,421 |
| B1/B2 | Temporary visitor for business and pleasure | 4,349,087 | 5,342,439 | 5,645,580 | 6,276,997 | 7,199,807 |
| B1/B2/BCC | Combination B1/B2 and Border Crossing Card | 684,198 | 1,043,125 | 1,221,051 | 1,200,413 | 1,166,668 |
| B1/B2/BCV | Combination B1/B2 and Border Crossing Card (Lincoln Foil) | 458,902 | 450,142 | 62,896 | 32,471 | 37,208 |
| B2 | Temporary visitor for pleasure | 84,352 | 84,713 | 114,526 | 126,539 | 63,387 |
| C1 | Person in transit | 13,423 | 12,028 | 12,707 | 13,606 | 11,736 |
| C1/D | Combination transit/crew member | 239,181 | 262,168 | 258,935 | 267,998 | 280,664 |
| C2 | Person in transit to United Nations Headquarters | 12 | 13 | 4 | 6 | 18 |
| C3 | Foreign government official, immediate family, attendant, servant, or personal employee in transit | 13,757 | 13,022 | 9,724 | 11,554 | 9,786 |
| CW1 | Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands transitional worker | 0 | 431 | 1,943 | 2,112 | 3,103 |
| CW2 | Spouse or child of CW1 | 0 | 111 | 612 | 557 | 634 |
| D | Crew member | 10,411 | 7,649 | 6,676 | 6,236 | 6,339 |
| E1 | Treaty trader, spouse and children | 6,807 | 6,907 | 7,283 | 7,330 | 7,425 |
| E2 | Treaty investor, spouse and children | 28,245 | 31,942 | 35,272 | 36,825 | 41,162 |
| E2C | Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands investor, spouse and children | 3 | 63 | 184 | 65 | 127 |
| E3 | Australian specialty occupation professional | 2,546 | 3,211 | 3,946 | 4,492 | 5,527 |
| E3D | Spouse or child of Australian specialty occupation professional | 1,663 | 2,150 | 2,530 | 3,083 | 3,656 |
| E3R | Returning Australian specialty occupation professional | 733 | 837 | 926 | 1,259 | 1,324 |
| F1 | Student (academic or language training program) | 447,410 | 486,900 | 534,320 | 595,569 | 644,233 |
| F2 | Spouse or child of student | 27,703 | 27,561 | 29,139 | 31,732 | 33,632 |
| F3 | Border commuter academic or language student | 959 | 792 | 678 | 403 | 63 |
| G1 | Principal resident representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, staff, and immediate family | 4,903 | 5,355 | 5,081 | 5,369 | 5,407 |
| G2 | Other representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, and immediate family | 14,239 | 12,622 | 12,954 | 14,491 | 16,313 |
| G3 | Representative of nonrecognized or nonmember foreign government to international organization, and immediate family | 262 | 286 | 251 | 247 | 393 |
| G4 | International organization officer or employee, and immediate family | 26,184 | 26,520 | 25,230 | 22,158 | 21,792 |
| G5 | Attendant, servant, or personal employee of G1 through G4, and immediate family | 835 | 730 | 736 | 643 | 711 |
| H1B | Temporary worker of distinguished merit and ability performing services other than as a registered nurse | 129,134 | 135,530 | 153,223 | 161,369 | 172,748 |

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| H1B1 | Free Trade Agreement Professional | 418 | 461 | 571 | 870 | 1,051 |
| H1C | Shortage area nurse | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| H2A | Temporary worker performing agricultural services | 55,384 | 65,345 | 74,192 | 89,274 | 108,144 |
| H2B | Temporary worker performing other services | 50,826 | 50,009 | 57,600 | 68,102 | 69,684 |
| H3 | Trainee | 2,108 | 2,927 | 2,712 | 2,239 | 1,669 |
| H4 | Spouse or child of H1B/B1/C, H2A/B, or H3 | 74,205 | 80,015 | 96,753 | 109,147 | 124,484 |
| I | Representative of foreign information media, spouse and children | 14,177 | 14,447 | 14,298 | 13,674 | 14,447 |
| J1 | Exchange visitor | 324,294 | 313,431 | 312,522 | 331,068 | 332,540 |
| J2 | Spouse or child of exchange visitor | 35,090 | 36,722 | 39,874 | 42,108 | 42,289 |
| K1 | Fiance(e) of U.S. citizen | 24,585 | 27,684 | 26,321 | 35,925 | 30,947 |
| K2 | Child of K1 | 3,575 | 4,108 | 3,787 | 5,100 | 4,391 |
| K3 | Certain spouse of U.S. citizen | 668 | 290 | 144 | 392 | 182 |
| K4 | Child of K3 | 188 | 72 | 38 | 71 | 39 |
| L1 | Intracompany transferee (executive, managerial, and specialized personnel continuing employment with international firm or corporation) | 70,728 | 62,430 | 66,700 | 71,513 | 78,537 |
| L2 | Spouse or child of intracompany transferee | 76,949 | 71,782 | 74,104 | 78,108 | 86,067 |
| M1 | Vocational and other nonacademic student | 10,049 | 10,331 | 11,320 | 11,706 | 11,058 |
| M2 | Spouse or child of vocational student | 383 | 524 | 498 | 504 | 404 |
| M3 | Border commuter vocational or nonacademic student | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| N8 | Parent of SK3 special immigrant | 5 | 10 | 15 | 10 | 14 |
| N9 | Child of N8 or of SK1, SK2 or SK4 special immigrant | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| NATO1 | Principal permanent representative of member state to NATO (including any of its subsidiary bodies) resident in the U.S., and resident members of official staff, principal NATO officers; and immediate family | 16 | 6 | 8 | 15 | 25 |
| NATO2 | Other representatives of member states to NATO (including any of its subsidiary bodies), and immediate family; dependents of member of a force entering in accordance with provisions of NATO agreements; members of such force if issued visas | 6,499 | 6,252 | 5,351 | 5,729 | 5,445 |
| NATO3 | Official clerical staff accompanying a representative of member state to NATO, and immediate family | 1 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| NATO4 | Officials of NATO (other than those classifiable as NATO1), and immediate family | 253 | 300 | 210 | 211 | 248 |
| NATO5 | Experts, other than NATO4 officials, employed in missions on behalf of NATO, and their dependents | 92 | 92 | 63 | 59 | 30 |
| NATO6 | Members of a civilian component accompanying a force entering in accordance with the provisions of NATO agreements, and their dependents | 536 | 504 | 519 | 426 | 498 |
| NATO7 | Attendant, servant, or personal employee of NATO1 through NATO6, and immediate family | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| O1 | Person with extraordinary ability in the sciences, art, education, business, or athletics | 8,828 | 10,590 | 12,359 | 12,706 | 13,865 |
| O2 | Person accompanying and assisting in the artistic or athletic performance by O1 | 4,863 | 5,357 | 6,623 | 6,251 | 5,792 |

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| O3 | Spouse or child of O1 or O2 | 2,052 | 2,396 | 3,098 | 3,473 | 4,023 |
| P1 | Internationally recognized athlete or member of an internationally recognized entertainment group | 24,687 | 24,825 | 23,269 | 23,335 | 24,262 |
| P2 | Artist or entertainer in a reciprocal exchange program | 110 | 117 | 125 | 148 | 97 |
| P3 | Artist or entertainer in a culturally unique program | 7,417 | 8,078 | 7,590 | 8,238 | 8,426 |
| P4 | Spouse or child of P1, P2, or P3 | 987 | 1,133 | 1,264 | 1,004 | 1,193 |
| Q1 | Participant in an International Cultural Exchange Program | 1,492 | 1,632 | 1,688 | 2,036 | 1,901 |
| R1 | Person in a religious occupation | 3,717 | 4,340 | 4,754 | 4,599 | 4,572 |
| R2 | Spouse or child of R1 | 1,212 | 1,375 | 1,394 | 1,524 | 1,684 |
| S5 | Informant processing critical reliable information concerning criminal organization or enterprise | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| S6 | Informant processing critical reliable information concerning terrorist organization, enterprise, or operation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| S7 | Spouse, married or unmarried son or daughter, or parent of S5 or S6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| T1 | Victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| T2 | Spouse of T1 | 127 | 151 | 171 | 115 | 111 |
| T3 | Child of T1 | 258 | 342 | 357 | 370 | 376 |
| T4 | Parent of T1 under 21 years of age | 10 | 7 | 22 | 18 | 10 |
| T5 | Unmarried sibling under age 18 of T1 under 21 years of age | 14 | 17 | 31 | 13 | 10 |
| T6 | Adult/minor child of derivative beneficiary of T1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TN | NAFTA professional | 4,971 | 7,638 | 9,548 | 11,207 | 13,093 |
| TD | Spouse or child of TN | 3,548 | 5,578 | 6,609 | 7,371 | 8,515 |
| U1 | Victim of criminal activity | 132 | 170 | 169 | 149 | 121 |
| U2 | Spouse of U1 | 61 | 103 | 116 | 147 | 126 |
| U3 | Child of U1 | 1,071 | 1,194 | 1,391 | 1,756 | 1,419 |
| U4 | Parent of U1 under 21 years of age | 32 | 45 | 42 | 44 | 42 |
| U5 | Unmarried sibling under age 18 of U1 under 21 years of age | 72 | 83 | 55 | 63 | 39 |
| Grand Total | | 7,507,939 | 8,927,090 | 9,164,349 | 9,932,480 | 10,891,745 |