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**Fiscal Years 2001 – 2005**

| <b>Class of Immigrant</b>                                                                                                               | <b>2001</b> | <b>2002</b> | <b>2003</b> | <b>2004</b> | <b>2005</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Grand Total                                                                                                                             | 406,080     | 389,157     | 364,768     | 379,402     | 395,005     |
| Family-Sponsored Preference Total                                                                                                       | 146,204     | 129,414     | 131,407     | 152,454     | 146,279     |
| First Preference                                                                                                                        |             |             |             |             |             |
| Unmarried son or daughter of US citizen and children                                                                                    | 15,871      | 15,817      | 16,914      | 18,991      | 18,809      |
| Second Preference Exempt from Country Limitations                                                                                       |             |             |             |             |             |
| Spouse or child of alien resident, and children                                                                                         | 20,661      | 14,565      | 9,343       | 17,160      | 16,770      |
| Second Preference Subject to Country Limitations                                                                                        |             |             |             |             |             |
| Spouse or child of alien resident, and children                                                                                         | 16,464      | 11,524      | 8,189       | 7,877       | 9,540       |
| Unmarried son or daughter of alien resident, and children                                                                               | 17,559      | 15,329      | 18,064      | 22,268      | 20,472      |
| Third Preference                                                                                                                        |             |             |             |             |             |
| Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen, spouse and children                                                                            | 18,972      | 19,480      | 25,677      | 23,493      | 19,037      |
| Fourth Preference                                                                                                                       |             |             |             |             |             |
| Brother or sister of U.S. citizen, spouse and children                                                                                  | 56,677      | 52,699      | 53,220      | 62,665      | 61,651      |
| Employment-Based Preference Total                                                                                                       | 43,129      | 39,289      | 29,712      | 28,624      | 21,290      |
| First Preference                                                                                                                        |             |             |             |             |             |
| Priority worker, spouse and children                                                                                                    | 12,208      | 9,485       | 6,359       | 4,151       | 4,671       |
| Second Preference                                                                                                                       |             |             |             |             |             |
| Professional holding advanced degree or alien of exceptional ability, spouse and children                                               | 6,716       | 5,192       | 2,353       | 1,402       | 1,478       |
| Third Preference                                                                                                                        |             |             |             |             |             |
| Skilled worker or professional, spouse and children                                                                                     | 20,710      | 21,507      | 17,772      | 20,357      | 12,693      |
| Other worker spouse and children                                                                                                        | 1,408       | 1,544       | 1,928       | 1,308       | 975         |
| Fourth Preference                                                                                                                       |             |             |             |             |             |
| Minister of religion spouse and children                                                                                                | 693         | 376         | 243         | 385         | 238         |
| Certain employees or former employees of the U.S.                                                                                       |             |             |             |             |             |
| Government abroad, spouse and children                                                                                                  | 849         | 766         | 612         | 781         | 818         |
| Certain former employees of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government Spouse and children                                       |             |             |             |             |             |
| 3                                                                                                                                       | 5           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Certain former employees of the U.S. Government in the Canal Zone, Spouse and children                                                  |             |             |             |             |             |
| 8                                                                                                                                       | 0           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           |
| Certain former employees of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government on April 1, 1979, Spouse and children                     |             |             |             |             |             |
| 0                                                                                                                                       | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Spouse and child of certain foreign graduates                                                                                           |             |             |             |             |             |
| Certain retired international organization employees and spouse                                                                         |             |             |             |             |             |
| unmarried sons or daughters of international organization employees, surviving spouses of deceased international organization employees | 22          | 13          | 11          | 18          | 6           |
| Certain juvenile court dependents                                                                                                       | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Certain religious workers, spouse and children                                                                                          | 461         | 353         | 388         | 161         | 251         |
| Fifth Preference                                                                                                                        |             |             |             |             |             |
| Employment creation outside targeted area, spouse and children                                                                          | 31          | 32          | 14          | 31          | 29          |

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| <b>Class of Immigrant</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>2001</b>    | <b>2002</b>    | <b>2003</b>    | <b>2004</b>    | <b>2005</b>    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area, spouse and children                                                           | 20             | 16             | 30             | 28             | 128            |
| 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              | 0              | 0              | 1              |
| 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              |
| <b>Immediate Relative Total</b>                                                                                                             | <b>172,071</b> | <b>178,106</b> | <b>154,695</b> | <b>151,651</b> | <b>180,344</b> |
| Spouse of U.S. citizen                                                                                                                      | 28,166         | 23,181         | 20,494         | 21,528         | 25,353         |
| Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional)                                                                                                        | 31,307         | 30,998         | 25,898         | 21,994         | 27,359         |
| Child of U.S. citizen                                                                                                                       | 33,088         | 33,647         | 30,173         | 31,501         | 39,093         |
| Child of U.S. citizen (conditional)                                                                                                         | 5,102          | 6,813          | 5,526          | 3,825          | 5,064          |
| Orphan adopted abroad by U.S. citizen                                                                                                       | 13,791         | 15,733         | 16,042         | 17,047         | 16,559         |
| Orphan to be adopted abroad by U.S. citizen                                                                                                 | 5,433          | 5,645          | 5,574          | 5,837          | 6,180          |
| Parent of U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age                                                                                             | 55,093         | 61,989         | 50,862         | 49,797         | 60,566         |
| Certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens                                                                                                         | 78             | 67             | 78             | 88             | 104            |
| Children of certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens                                                                                             | 13             | 33             | 48             | 34             | 66             |
| <b>Special Immigrant Total</b>                                                                                                              | <b>856</b>     | <b>735</b>     | <b>701</b>     | <b>675</b>     | <b>782</b>     |
| Returning Resident                                                                                                                          | 856            | 735            | 701            | 675            | 782            |
| Certain persons who lost U.S. citizenship by marriage                                                                                       | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| Certain persons who lost U.S. citizenship by serving in foreign armed forces                                                                | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants                                                                                                                | 426            | 374            | 102            | 37             | 119            |
| <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>  |