

Table II
Classes of Immigrants Issued Visas at Foreign Service Posts
Fiscal Years 2004 - 2008

Class of Immigrant	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Grand Total	379,402	402,247	449,103	434,411	470,099
Family-Sponsored Preference Total	152,454	146,279	139,753	151,128	169,896
<i>First Preference</i>					
Unmarried son or daughter of US citizen and children	18,991	18,809	15,909	17,128	20,057
<i>Second Preference Exempt from Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	17,160	16,770	14,987	14,602	25,798
<i>Second Preference Subject to Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	7,877	9,540	13,109	18,078	19,002
Unmarried son or daughter of alien resident, and children	22,268	20,472	19,435	19,349	16,639
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	23,493	19,037	17,570	18,502	26,540
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Brother or sister of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	62,665	61,651	58,743	63,469	61,860
Employment-Based Preference Total	28,656	21,290	15,744	19,722	13,472
<i>First Preference</i>					
Priority worker, spouse and children	4,151	4,671	4,971	2,749	1,549
<i>Second Preference</i>					
Professional holding advanced degree or alien of exceptional ability, spouse and children	1,402	1,478	931	1,216	1,257
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Skilled worker or professional, spouse and children	20,357	12,693	7,025	12,919	7,245
Other worker spouse and children	1,308	975	613	755	886
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Minister of religion spouse and children	385	238	433	332	179
Certain employees or former employees of the U.S. Government abroad, spouse and children	781	818	913	1,051	1,126
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	0	1	0
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					
int'l org. employees	18	6	9	2	5
Certain religious workers, spouse and children	161	251	309	189	115
Special Immigrant Broadcaster spouse and children	32	0	38	37	11
<i>Fifth Preference</i>					
Employment created outside targeted area, spouse and children	31	29	46	26	48
Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area, spouse and children	28	128	388	323	113
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	1	68	122	938
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	7	4	0	2	1
Immediate Relative Total	151,724	180,432	224,187	219,323	238,848

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Spouse of U.S. citizen	21,559	25,407	32,661	34,858	45,967
Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional)	21,994	27,359	31,591	27,093	29,560
Child of U.S. citizen	31,543	39,127	49,475	46,494	53,338
Child of U.S. citizen (conditional)	3,825	5,064	6,505	6,040	6,183
Orphan adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	17,047	16,559	14,590	13,788	11,573
Child adopted abroad by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	-	-	-	-	9
Orphan to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen	5,837	6,180	6,089	5,825	5,871
Child to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	-	-	-	-	0
Parent of U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age	49,797	60,566	83,133	85,036	86,189
Certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	88	104	102	126	109
Children of certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	34	66	41	63	49
Special Immigrant Total	675	782	766	1,648	2,559
Returning Resident	675	782	766	660	752
Iraqi and Afghan translators, spouse and children (new IV class)	-	-	-	988	1,807
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	37	119	96	69	77
DV Diversity Immigrants	45,849	46,099	44,349	38,762	45,246
Schedule A Worker	0	7,242	24,208	3,757	0