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	Ineligibility	Ineligibility	Ineligibility	Ineligibility
	Finding ¹	Overcome ²	Finding ¹	Overcome ²
212(a)(1)(A)(i) Communicable Disease	846	754	32	2
212(a)(1)(A)(ii) Immigrant lacking required vaccinations	63	53	-	-
212(a)(1)(A)(iii) Physical or mental disorder	293	195	168	16
212(a)(1)(A)(iv) Drug Abuser or Addict	1,353	765	134	21
212(a)(2)(A)(i)(I) Crime Involving Moral Turpitude	1,713	350	9,362	4,232
212(a)(2)(A)(i)(II) Controlled Substance Violators	683	39	6,156	2,988
212(a)(2)(B) Multiple Criminal Convictions	122	9	570	163
212(a)(2)(C)(i) Illicit Trafficker in Any Controlled Substance	473	1	4,187	957
212(a)(2)(C)(ii) Spouse, Son, or Daughter Who Benefited from Illicit Activities of Trafficker	38	1	785	58
212(a)(2)(D)(i) Prostitution (within 10 years)	26	10	85	6
212(a)(2)(D)(ii) Procuring (within 10 years)	5	1	21	5
212(a)(2)(D)(iii) Unlawful Commercialized Vice	0	0	7	0
212(a)(2)(E) Asserted immunity to avoid prosecution	0	0	1	0
212(a)(2)(G) Foreign government officials who have engaged in violations of religious freedom	0	0	0	0
212(a)(2)(H) Significant traffickers in persons	2	0	12	0
212(a)(2)(I) Money Laundering	3	0	35	12
212(a)(3)(A)(i) Espionage, sabotage, technology transfer, etc.	4	0	519	18
212(a)(3)(A)(ii) Other Unlawful Activity	179	0	127	8
212(a)(3)(A)(iii) Act to Overthrow U.S. Government	0	0	0	0
212(a)(3)(B) Terrorist Activities	51	0	674	318
212(a)(3)(C) Foreign Policy	0	0	5	0
212(a)(3)(D) Immigrant Membership in Totalitarian Party	15	15	-	-
212(a)(3)(E)(i) Participants in Nazi Persecutions	0	0	0	0
212(a)(3)(E)(ii) Participants in Genocide	0	0	0	0
212(a)(3)(E)(iii) Commission of Acts of Torture or Extrajudicial Killings	1	0	2	0
212(a)(3)(F) Association with Terrorist Organizations	0	0	2	1
212(a)(3)(G) Recruitment or Use of Child Soldiers	0	0	0	0
212(a)(4) Public Charge	3,237	2,016	51	4
212(a)(5)(A) Labor Certification (immigrants only)	8,718	355	-	-
212(a)(5)(B) Unqualified Physician (immigrants only)	0	0	-	-
212(a)(5)(C) Uncertified foreign health-care workers	0	0	1	0
212(a)(6)(B) Failure to attend removal proceedings	28	19	19	4
212(a)(6)(C)(i) Misrepresentation	5,862	1,502	18,114	5,425
212(a)(6)(C)(ii) Falsely claiming citizenship	408	0	2,298	781
212(a)(6)(E) Smugglers of aliens	2,521	1,229	4,623	1,244
212(a)(6)(F) Subject of civil penalty (under INA 274C)	1	0	2	0
212(a)(6)(G) Student visa abusers	0	0	9	2
212(a)(7)(B) Documentation requirement for nonimmigrants	-	-	155	123
212(a)(8)(A) Immigrant permanently ineligible for citizenship	0	0	-	-
212(a)(8)(B) Draft evader	0	0	5	4
212(a)(9)(A)(i) Ordered removed upon arrival	526	260	2,245	119

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212(a)(9)(A)(i) Ordered removed upon arrival - multiple removals	273	49	622	19
212(a)(9)(A)(i) Ordered removed upon arrival - convicted aggravated felony	33	0	175	14
212(a)(9)(A)(ii) Ordered removed or departed while removal order outstanding	950	640	872	151
212(a)(9)(A)(ii) Ordered removed or departed while removal order outstanding - multiple removals	275	50	311	21
212(a)(9)(A)(ii) Ordered removed or departed while removal order outstanding - convicted aggravated felony	235	14	373	27
212(a)(9)(B)(i)(I) Unlawfully present 181-364 days (within 3 years)	115	72	571	88
212(a)(9)(B)(i)(I) Unlawfully present 181-364 days (within 3 years) (provisional waiver)	31	28	-	-
212(a)(9)(B)(i)(II) Unlawfully present 365 or more days (within 10 years)	7,729	4,707	15,924	2,595
212(a)(9)(B)(i)(II) Unlawfully present 365 or more days (within 10 years) (provisional waiver)	37,428	35,472	-	-
212(a)(9)(C) Unlawfully present after previous immigration violations	3,173	525	9,551	2,388
212(a)(10)(A) Practicing polygamist (immigrants only)	14	4	-	-
212(a)(10)(C)(i) International child abductor	0	0	3	0
212(a)(10)(C)(ii) Aliens supporting abductors and relatives of abductors	0	0	1	0
212(a)(10)(D) Unlawful voter	2	0	5	2
212(a)(10)(E) Former U.S. citizen who renounced citizenship to avoid taxation	0	0	1	1
212(e) Foreign residence requirement: Former exchange visitors	25	26	4	2
212(f) Presidential proclamation suspending the entry of any class of aliens	22	16	704	117
214(b) Failure to establish entitlement to nonimmigrant status	-	-	2,624,543	24,530
221(g) Application does not comply with provisions of INA or regulations issued pursuant thereto	254,478	169,293	811,238	697,473
222(g)(2) Alien in illegal status, required to apply for new nonimmigrant visa in country of alien's nationality	-	-	72	4
243(d) National of a country denying or delaying accepting an alien	0	0	94	7
501 Iranian Citizen Studying in Certain Energy-Related Fields	-	-	113	2
801 Any person who has been directly involved in the establishment or enforcement of forced abortion or sterilization	1	0	6	0
2017 E.O. on Immigration	Subject to 2017 Executive Order on Immigration	43	0	833
Sec. 5(a)(1) of the JADE Act	Visa restrictions for certain Burmese nationals under the JADE Act of 2008	5	0	0
Sec.103 Pub. Law 105-227	Disclosure/trafficking of confidential U.S. business information	0	0	0
Sec. 401 Pub. Law 104-114	Helms-Burton refusal	0	0	0

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Sec. 402 Pub. Law 104-114	Conversion of confiscated U.S. property for gain	0	0	0	0
Sec. 306 Pub. Law 107-173	Inadmissible alien from a country that is a state sponsor of terrorism	0	0	159	6
Total Grounds of Ineligibility:		332,003	218,470	3,516,581	744,003
Number of Applications:¹		280,835	204,720	3,450,673	738,098

The figures at the end of this table show totals of **applications** refused and refusals overcome. The total of applications refused does not necessarily reflect the number of persons refused during the year. One applicant can apply and be found ineligible more than one time in a fiscal year.

¹ The total grounds of ineligibility may exceed the number of applications refused because one applicant may be found ineligible under more than one section of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

² The total of inabilities overcome may not necessarily represent the same visa applicants found ineligible and recorded in the total of ineligibility findings. A visa may be refused in one fiscal year and the refusal overcome in a subsequent fiscal year. Each action will be separately recorded as part of the appropriate statistical report for the year in which it occurred. A refusal can be overcome by evidence that the ineligibility does not apply, by approval of a waiver, or by other relief as provided by law.