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**Classes of Immigrants Issued Visas at Foreign Service Posts**  
**Fiscal Years 2000 - 2004**

| <b>Class of Immigrant</b>   | <b>2000</b> | <b>2001</b> | <b>2002</b> | <b>2003</b> | <b>2004</b> |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Grand Total   | 413,521     | 406,080     | 389,157     | 364,768     | 379,402     |
| Family-Sponsored Preference Total   | 181,127     | 146,204     | 129,414     | 131,407     | 152,454     |
| First Preference  |             |             |             |             |             |
| Unmarried son or daughter of US citizen and children  | 19,670      | 15,871      | 15,817      | 16,914      | 18,991      |
| Second Preference Exempt from Country Limitations   |             |             |             |             |             |
| Spouse or child of alien resident, and children   | 37,653      | 20,661      | 14,565      | 9,343       | 17,160      |
| Second Preference Subject to Country Limitations  |             |             |             |             |             |
| Spouse or child of alien resident, and children   | 20,227      | 16,464      | 11,524      | 8,189       | 7,877       |
| Unmarried son or daughter of alien resident, and children   | 22,866      | 17,559      | 15,329      | 18,064      | 22,268      |
| Third Preference  |             |             |             |             |             |
| Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen, spouse and children  | 22,092      | 18,972      | 19,480      | 25,677      | 23,493      |
| Fourth Preference   |             |             |             |             |             |
| Brother or sister of U.S. citizen, spouse and children  | 58,619      | 56,677      | 52,699      | 53,220      | 62,665      |
| Employment-Based Preference Total   | 22,392      | 43,129      | 39,289      | 29,712      | 28,624      |
| First Preference  |             |             |             |             |             |
| Priority worker, spouse and children  | 5,780       | 12,208      | 9,485       | 6,359       | 4,151       |
| Second Preference   |             |             |             |             |             |
| Professional holding advanced degree or alien of exceptional ability, spouse and children   | 1,940       | 6,716       | 5,192       | 2,353       | 1,402       |
| Third Preference  |             |             |             |             |             |
| Skilled worker or professional, spouse and children   | 10,793      | 20,710      | 21,507      | 17,772      | 20,357      |
| Other worker spouse and children  | 1,789       | 1,408       | 1,544       | 1,928       | 1,308       |
| Fourth Preference   |             |             |             |             |             |
| Minister of religion spouse and children  | 431         | 693         | 376         | 243         | 385         |
| Certain employees or former employees of the U.S.   |             |             |             |             |             |
| Government abroad, spouse and children  | 974         | 849         | 766         | 612         | 781         |
| Certain former employees of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government Spouse and children                                       |             |             |             |             |             |
| 6   | 3           | 5           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Certain former employees of the U.S. Government in the Canal Zone, Spouse and children  |             |             |             |             |             |
| 12  | 8           | 0           | 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   | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Certain retired international organization employees and spouse   |             |             |             |             |             |
| unmarried sons or daughters of international organization employees, surviving spouses of deceased international organization employees |             |             |             |             |             |
| 6   | 22          | 13          | 11          | 18          |             |
| Certain juvenile court dependents   |             |             |             |             |             |
| 0   | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |             |
| Certain religious workers, spouse and children  |             |             |             |             |             |
| 595   | 461         | 353         | 388         | 161         |             |
| Fifth Preference  |             |             |             |             |             |
| Employment creation outside targeted area, spouse and children  | 25          | 31          | 32          | 14          | 31          |

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|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area, spouse and children   | 41             | 20             | 16             | 30             | 28             |
| 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              | 0              |
| 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 | 11             | 7              | 6              | 1              | 7              |
| <b>Immediate Relative Total</b>   | <b>163,593</b> | <b>172,071</b> | <b>178,106</b> | <b>154,695</b> | <b>151,651</b> |
| Spouse of U.S. citizen  | 22,666         | 28,166         | 23,181         | 20,494         | 21,528         |
| Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional)  | 31,440         | 31,307         | 30,998         | 25,898         | 21,994         |
| Child of U.S. citizen   | 33,261         | 33,088         | 33,647         | 30,173         | 31,501         |
| Child of U.S. citizen (conditional)   | 5,399          | 5,102          | 6,813          | 5,526          | 3,825          |
| Orphan adopted abroad by U.S. citizen   | 13,195         | 13,791         | 15,733         | 16,042         | 17,047         |
| Orphan to be adopted abroad by U.S. citizen   | 5,282          | 5,433          | 5,645          | 5,574          | 5,837          |
| Parent of U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age   | 52,245         | 55,093         | 61,989         | 50,862         | 49,797         |
| Certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens   | 81             | 78             | 67             | 78             | 88             |
| Children of certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens   | 24             | 13             | 33             | 48             | 34             |
| <b>Special Immigrant Total</b>  | <b>816</b>     | <b>856</b>     | <b>735</b>     | <b>701</b>     | <b>675</b>     |
| Returning Resident  | 816            | 856            | 735            | 701            | 675            |
| 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  | 1,052          | 426            | 374            | 102            | 37             |
| DV Diversity Immigrants   | 44,513         | 43,371         | 41,197         | 48,085         | 45,849         |