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	Ineligibility Finding ¹	Ineligibility Overcome ²	Ineligibility Finding ¹	Ineligibility Overcome ²
101(a)(27)(D)(i) Unqualified Special Immigrant	83	0	-	-
203(c) Failure to fulfill education and work experience requirement for Diversity Visa	1,842	52	-	-
204(a)(1)(I) Failure to comply with Diversity Visa requirements/regulations	1,379	45	-	-
208(d)(6) Knowingly made frivolous application for asylum	1	0	1	0
212(a)(1)(A)(i) Communicable Disease	191	228	12	4
212(a)(1)(A)(ii) Immigrant lacking required vaccinations	547	276	-	-
212(a)(1)(A)(iii) Physical or mental disorder	624	387	260	21
212(a)(1)(A)(iv) Drug Abuser or Addict	1,771	1,092	314	51
212(a)(2)(A)(i)(I) Crime Involving Moral Turpitude	1,861	211	8,175	2,476
212(a)(2)(A)(i)(II) Controlled Substance Violators	645	37	5,498	2,014
212(a)(2)(B) Multiple Criminal Convictions	192	4	500	101
212(a)(2)(C)(i) Illicit Trafficker in Any Controlled Substance	525	3	3,705	665
212(a)(2)(C)(ii) Spouse, Son, or Daughter Who Benefited from Illicit Activities of Trafficker	35	6	813	26
212(a)(2)(D)(i) Prostitution (within 10 years)	13	1	226	16
212(a)(2)(D)(ii) Procuring (within 10 years)	1	0	21	0
212(a)(2)(D)(iii) Unlawful Commercialized Vice	3	0	5	0
212(a)(2)(E) Asserted immunity to avoid prosecution	0	0	1	1
212(a)(2)(G) Foreign government officials who have engaged in violations of religious freedom	1	0	0	0
212(a)(2)(H) Significant traffickers in persons	1	0	9	2
212(a)(2)(I) Money Laundering	5	0	51	18
212(a)(3)(A)(i) Espionage, sabotage, technology transfer, etc.	3	0	136	18
212(a)(3)(A)(ii) Other Unlawful Activity	37	0	105	5
212(a)(3)(A)(iii) Act to Overthrow U.S. Government	0	0	0	0
212(a)(3)(B) Terrorist Activities	155	0	629	317
212(a)(3)(C) Foreign Policy	0	0	6	1
212(a)(3)(D) Immigrant Membership in Totalitarian Party	134	11	-	-
212(a)(3)(E)(i) Participants in Nazi Persecutions	0	0	0	0
212(a)(3)(E)(ii) Participants in Genocide	1	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	0	0
212(a)(3)(G) Recruitment or Use of Child Soldiers	0	0	1	0
212(a)(4) Public Charge	1,008	846	74	30
212(a)(5)(A) Labor Certification (immigrants only)	252	194	-	-
212(a)(5)(B) Unqualified Physician (immigrants only)	5	0	-	-
212(a)(5)(C) Uncertified foreign health-care workers	2	0	0	0
212(a)(6)(B) Failure to attend removal proceedings	57	30	12	2
212(a)(6)(C)(i) Misrepresentation	6,422	1,026	17,726	4,047

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212(a)(6)(C)(ii)	Falsey claiming citizenship	424	0	1,538	405
212(a)(6)(E)	Smugglers of aliens	4,285	929	4,670	816
212(a)(6)(F)	Subject of civil penalty (under INA 274C)	2	0	2	0
212(a)(6)(G)	Student visa abusers	0	0	0	0
212(a)(7)(B)	Documentation requirement for nonimmigrants	-	-	318	281
212(a)(8)(A)	Immigrant permanently ineligible for citizenship	5	0	-	-
212(a)(8)(B)	Draft evader	0	0	4	1
212(a)(9)(A)(i)	Ordered removed upon arrival - expedited removal	472	278	1,660	98
212(a)(9)(A)(i)	Ordered removed upon arrival - multiple removals	370	98	737	22
212(a)(9)(A)(i)	Ordered removed upon arrival - convicted aggravated felony	40	3	164	11
212(a)(9)(A)(ii)	Ordered removed or departed while removal order outstanding	551	300	543	52
212(a)(9)(A)(ii)	Ordered removed or departed while removal order outstanding - multiple removals	374	65	322	10
212(a)(9)(A)(ii)	Ordered removed or departed while removal order outstanding - convicted aggravated felony	247	8	509	32
212(a)(9)(B)(i)(I)	Unlawfully present 181-364 days (within 3 years)	139	85	819	155
212(a)(9)(B)(i)(I)	Unlawfully present 181-364 days (within 3 years) (provisional waiver)	47	49	-	-
212(a)(9)(B)(i)(II)	Unlawfully present 365 or more days (within 10 years)	3,502	2,029	6,812	498
212(a)(9)(B)(i)(II)	Unlawfully present 365 or more days (within 10 years) (provisional waiver)	15,986	15,982	-	-
212(a)(9)(C)	Unlawfully present after previous immigration violations	4,334	1,147	12,025	2,300
212(a)(10)(A)	Practicing polygamist (immigrants only)	11	2	-	-
212(a)(10)(C)(i)	International child abductor	0	0	1	0
212(a)(10)(C)(ii)	Aliens supporting abductors and relatives of abductors	0	0	0	0
212(a)(10)(D)	Unlawful voter	1	0	1	0
212(a)(10)(E)	Former U.S. citizen who renounced citizenship to avoid taxation	0	0	0	0
212(e)	Foreign residence requirement: Former exchange visitors	15	11	53	37
212(f)	Presidential proclamation suspending the entry of any class of aliens	0	245	1,102	48
214(b)	Failure to establish entitlement to nonimmigrant status	-	-	3,010,544	11,910

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221(g)	Application does not comply with provisions of INA or regulations issued pursuant thereto	225,278	191,245	809,735	672,461
222(g)(2)	Alien in illegal status, required to apply for new nonimmigrant visa in country of alien's nationality	-	-	103	3
243(d)	National of a country denying or delaying accepting an alien	1	2	320	381
8 U.S.C. § 1182e	Any person who has been directly involved in the establishment or enforcement of forced abortion or sterilization	36	1	491	5
8 U.S.C. § 1182f	Direct Involvement in Coerced Organ/Tissue Transplantation	4	1	0	0
Misc. Executive Orders	Treasury or State Designation for Sanctions	0	0	0	0
22 U.S.C. § 10102	Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012	0	0	0	0
Sec. 5(a)(1) of the JADE Act	Visa restrictions for certain Burmese nationals under the JADE Act of 2008	4	0	12	2
Sec.103 Pub. Law 105-227	Disclosure/trafficking of confidential U.S. business information	0	0	0	0
Sec. 401 Pub. Law 104-114	Helms-Burton refusal	0	0	0	0
Sec. 402 Pub. Law 104-114	Conversion of confiscated U.S. property for gain	0	0	0	0
Sec. 501 Pub. Law 112-158	Iranian Citizen Studying in Certain Energy-Related Fields	0	0	80	4
Sec. 306 Pub. Law 107-173	Inadmissible alien from a country that is a state sponsor of terrorism	0	0	271	8
Sec. 3205 Pub. Law 106-246	Individuals who aided and abetted Colombian insurgent and paramilitary groups	1	0	0	0
Sec. 7031(c), Pub. Law 116-94	Corruption and Gross Violation of Human Rights by Government Officials	2	0	21	16
Total Grounds of Ineligibility:		273,845	216,929	3,891,139	699,371

¹The table above reflects the number of unique applications found ineligible for issuance based on a given ineligibility ground during the listed fiscal year. The total of ineligibility findings does not necessarily reflect the number of applications refused because an application may be found ineligible under more than one ground of ineligibility during a fiscal year.

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