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

Class of Immigrant	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
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
Certain former employees of the U.S. Government in the Canal Zone, Spouse and children	12	8	0	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
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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Class of Immigrant	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
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
Immediate Relative Total	163,593	172,071	178,106	154,695	151,651
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
Special Immigrant Total	816	856	735	701	675
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