

Table II
Classes of Immigrants Issued Visas at Foreign Service Posts
Fiscal Years 2002 - 2006

Class of Immigrant	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Grand Total	389,163	364,768	379,402	402,247	449,103
Family-Sponsored Preference Total	129,414	131,407	152,454	146,279	139,753
First Preference					
Unmarried son or daughter of US citizen and children	15,817	16,914	18,991	18,809	15,909
Second Preference Exempt from Country Limitations					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	14,565	9,343	17,160	16,770	14,987
Second Preference Subject to Country Limitations					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	11,524	8,189	7,877	9,540	13,109
Unmarried son or daughter of alien resident, and children	15,329	18,064	22,268	20,472	19,435
Third Preference					
Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	19,480	25,677	23,493	19,037	17,570
Fourth Preference					
Brother or sister of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	52,699	53,220	62,665	61,651	58,743
Employment-Based Preference Total	39,295	29,712	28,656	21,290	15,744
First Preference					
Priority worker, spouse and children	9,485	6,359	4,151	4,671	4,971
Second Preference					
Professional holding advanced degree or alien of exceptional ability, spouse and children	5,192	2,353	1,402	1,478	931
Third Preference					
Skilled worker or professional, spouse and children	21,507	17,772	20,357	12,693	7,025
Other worker spouse and children	1,544	1,928	1,308	975	613
Fourth Preference					
Minister of religion spouse and children	376	243	385	238	433
Certain employees or former employees of the U.S. Government abroad, spouse and children	766	612	781	818	913
Certain former employees of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government Spouse and children	5	0	0	0	0
Certain former employees of the U.S. Government in the Canal Zone, Spouse and children	0	2	2	2	0
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	13	11	18	6	9
Certain juvenile court dependents	0	0	0	0	0
Certain religious workers, spouse and children	353	388	161	251	309
Special Immigrant Broadcaster spouse and children	0	0	32	0	38
Certain Retired NATO6 Civilians spouse, serving spouses and children	0	0	0	0	0
Iraqi and Afghan translator spouse and children	0	0	0	0	0

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Fifth Preference					
Employment creation outside targeted area, spouse and children	32	14	31	29	46
Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area, spouse and children	16	30	28	128	388
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	1	68
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	6	1	7	4	0
Immediate Relative Total	178,142	154,760	151,724	180,432	224,187
Spouse of U.S. citizen	23,196	20,513	21,559	25,407	32,661
Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional)	30,998	25,898	21,994	27,359	31,591
Child of U.S. citizen	33,668	30,219	31,543	39,127	49,475
Child of U.S. citizen (conditional)	6,813	5,526	3,825	5,064	6,505
Orphan adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	15,733	16,042	17,047	16,559	14,590
Orphan to be adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	5,645	5,574	5,837	6,180	6,089
Parent of U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age	61,989	50,862	49,797	60,566	83,133
Certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	67	78	88	104	102
Children of certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	33	48	34	66	41
Special Immigrant Total	735	701	675	782	766
Returning Resident	735	701	675	782	766
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	374	102	37	119	96
DV Diversity Immigrants	41,197	48,085	45,849	46,099	44,349
Schedule A Worker	0	0	0	7,242	24,208