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Classes of Immigrants Issued Visas at Foreign Service Posts
Fiscal Years 2016-2020\*

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Grand Total         617,752         559,505         533,575         462,422         240,505           Family-Sponsored Preference Total         215,408         212,155         211,641         190,938         90,455           First Preference         10 married son or daughter of U.S. citizen and children         21,800         22,807         25,156         20,885         7,534           Spouse or child of alien resident, and children         22,378         21,179         8,600         12,100           Ceomal Preference Subject to Country Limitations         22,378         21,179         28,000         20,310         12,100         20,300         21,000         20,301         20,170         28,000         12,100         20,301         11,100         20,301         11,100         20,301         12,100         20,301         12,100         20,301         11,100         20,301         11,100         20,301         11,100         20,301         11,100         20,301         11,100         20,301         11,100         20,301         11,100         20,301         11,100         20,301         11,100         20,301         11,100         20,301         11,100         20,301         12,100         20,300         20,301         20,301         20,301         20,301         20,301	Class of Immigrant	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
First Preference	Grand Total	617,752	559,536	533,557	462,422	240,526
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Sponse or child of alien resident, and children         64,424         61,883         59,449         55,210         26,032           Second Preference Subject to Country Limitations         22,378         21,197         21,770         8,680         121           Spouse or child of alien resident, and children         22,388         23,819         26,117         22,346         11,818           Third Preference         Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen, spouse and children         22,590         20,716         19,457         23,074         10,749           Four Preference         Brother or sister of U.S. citizen, spouse and children         61,368         61,733         59,692         60,770         34,815           Employment-Based Preference Total         25,050         23,81         2,345         2,258         14,949           First Preference         23,61         2,529         3,854         2,233         1,280           Second Preference         23,61         2,529         3,854         2,233         1,280           Professional holding advanced degree or alien of exceptional ability, spouse and children         7,961         6,964         9,557         11,345         5,678           Other worker, spouse and children         7,961         6,964         9,557         11,345         5,678 <td><u> </u></td> <td>21,800</td> <td>22,807</td> <td>25,156</td> <td>20,858</td> <td>7,534</td>	<u> </u>	21,800	22,807	25,156	20,858	7,534
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Class of Immigrant	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Alien recruited outside the U.S. who has served or is enlisted to serve in					
the U.S. Armed forces for 12 years, spouse and children	0	0	0	0	0
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Immediate Relative Total	315,352	254,430	236,526	186,584	108,292
Spouse of U.S. citizen	81,486	70,809	71,003	58,984	38,088
Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional)	51,979	41,822	37,955	24,570	16,956
Child of U.S. citizen	59,885	44,748	38,393	32,283	18,921
Child of U.S. citizen (conditional)	7,496	6,579	6,280	3,876	1,952
Orphan adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	1,292	1,391	1,088	841	646
Child adopted abroad by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	3,135	2,882	2,613	1,848	809
Orphan to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen	566	277	177	151	103
Child to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	208	159	172	144	79
Parent of U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age	108,788	85,280	78,362	63,442	30,492
Certain widow(er)s and children of certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	517	483	483	445	246
Special Immigrant Total	16,176	20,034	9,375	11,384	8,722
Returning Resident	1,533	1,391	1,276	1,171	648
Iraqi and Afghan translators, spouse and children	219	222	196	77	74
Certain Iraqis or Afghans employed by or on behalf of the U.S.	14,366	18,349	7,798	10,035	7,962
Government, spouse, and children					
Certain Family Members of U1 Nonimmigrants	58	72	105	101	38
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	6	36	92	96	95
DV Diversity Immigrants	45,664	49,067	48,578	44,882	18,288