



**U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services**

Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker
Number of Petitions and Approval Status for All Countries
By Fiscal Year Received and Approval Status
Fiscal Years 2009 to 2019

Petitions by Employment Preference	Fiscal Year Received											Grand Total
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
Total Petitions	57,034	79,644	84,624	74,423	71,602	87,014	102,902	147,567	139,374	137,501	148,415	1,130,100
Approved	48,375	70,405	75,144	67,493	65,160	80,132	95,660	135,796	126,586	124,673	115,458	1,004,882
Denied	8,043	8,532	8,801	6,416	5,854	6,034	6,095	8,008	9,369	9,678	6,018	82,848
Pending, Other ¹	616	707	679	514	588	848	1,147	3,763	3,419	3,150	26,939	42,370
First Preference (EB1)												
Total Petitions	17,238	17,599	17,109	17,609	20,265	22,854	24,752	28,719	32,064	28,489	24,170	250,868
Approved	13,546	14,269	13,989	15,029	17,649	19,910	21,974	25,369	27,284	22,799	12,268	204,086
Denied	3,630	3,250	2,967	2,439	2,389	2,596	2,423	2,892	4,296	4,608	2,531	34,021
Pending, Other ¹	62	80	153	141	227	348	355	458	484	1,082	9,371	12,761
<i>Approvals by Category</i>												
Aliens with Extraordinary Ability (E11)	2,901	3,479	3,135	3,488	4,222	4,964	5,928	7,246	8,508	7,173	3,552	54,596
Outstanding Professors or Researchers (E12)	2,923	3,410	2,944	2,953	3,238	3,366	3,609	3,537	3,818	3,642	2,744	36,184
Multinational Executives or Managers (E13)	7,722	7,380	7,910	8,588	10,189	11,580	12,437	14,586	14,958	11,984	5,972	113,306
Second Preference (EB2)												
Total Petitions	19,715	38,397	47,382	45,518	41,398	49,208	58,787	82,532	70,233	69,981	78,209	601,360
Approved	18,270	35,912	44,000	42,601	38,788	46,523	56,167	79,350	67,525	66,904	65,042	561,082
Denied	1,341	2,311	3,155	2,696	2,405	2,459	2,401	2,827	2,386	2,033	1,123	25,137
Pending, Other ¹	104	174	227	221	205	226	219	355	322	1,044	12,044	15,141
<i>Approvals by Category</i>												
Professionals with Advanced Degrees (E21) ²	18,270	35,912	44,000	42,601	38,788	46,523	56,167	79,350	67,525	66,904	65,042	561,082
Third Preference (EB3)												
Total Petitions	20,079	23,546	20,042	11,228	9,919	14,952	19,363	36,314	37,075	39,023	46,036	277,577
Approved	16,558	20,168	17,098	9,817	8,710	13,699	17,519	31,076	31,776	34,964	38,148	239,533
Denied	3,071	2,945	2,652	1,262	1,054	979	1,271	2,288	2,686	3,035	2,364	23,607
Pending, Other ¹	450	433	292	149	155	274	573	2,950	2,613	1,024	5,524	14,437
<i>Approvals by Category</i>												
Skilled Workers (E31)	8,771	8,297	6,981	3,475	3,693	3,833	8,094	11,568	12,374	12,135	13,376	92,597
Professionals with Baccalaureate Degrees (E32)	6,478	10,269	8,996	5,983	4,616	9,541	8,530	17,040	16,497	18,926	19,870	126,746
Needed Unskilled Workers (EW3)	1,309	1,602	1,121	359	401	325	895	2,468	2,905	3,903	4,902	20,190
Other and Unknown	2	102	91	68	20	-	-	2	2	8	-	295
Approved	1	56	57	46	13			1	1	6		181
Denied	1	26	27	19	6			1	1	2		83
Pending, Other ¹		20	7	3	1							31

Reference(s):

¹ Includes a small number of cases updated as an administrative closure.

² Includes National Interest Waiver petitions.

Note(s):

1) Some applications or petitions approved or denied may have been received in previous reporting periods.

2) The report reflects the most up-to-date estimate available at the time the database is queried.

3) Counts may differ from those reported in previous periods due to system updates and post-adjudicative outcomes.

4) Data is not limited by priority date for approvals.

5) Other and Unknown includes any I140 that had no reason for filing listed in the system.

6) In FY2012 USCIS added a reason for filing field to determine the difference for E31 and E32.

For 2012 and prior, the report uses the class preference field to determine an E31 or E32 approval.

For the small number where the class preference field was not determinative as E31 or E32, the case was counted as an E31.

Source(s):

1) Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Performance Reporting Tool, queried November 2019.